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Vein graft pseudo-aneurysm presenting as a mediastinal mass

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A 69-year-old female with a history of coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) presented with chest tightness and left hilar/perihilar mass (Fig. 1(A)) on chest X-ray. Contrast-enhanced computed tomography (CT) revealed a pseudo-aneurysm in the graft to the obtuse marginal artery (OM) (Fig. 1(B)). Angiogram confirmed the saphenous vein graft (SVG) pseudo-aneurysm (Fig. 1(C)). Surgery was successful with excision of the pseudo-aneurysm and bypasses to the OM and Posterior Descending Artery (PDA) (Fig. 1(D)).

Fig. 1. (A) Chest radiograph, AP view, with an opacity in the perihilar region. (B) Contrast-enhanced CT illustrating a 6.7 cm × 4.9 cm × 5.4 cm coronary bypass graft pseudoaneurysm with compression of the main pulmonary artery (white arrow). (C) Invasive coronary angiogram demonstrating a SVG pseudoaneurysm originating in the mid-portion of the graft, with its margins depicted by the arrows. (D) Intra-operative photograph of the SVG pseudoaneurysm.

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