

## A rare case of a schwannoma in the chest wall: radiological findings

A 54-year-old woman was admitted to the emergency service with complaints of pain over the lateral aspect of her left chest wall, which was found to be tender on examination. A thoracic computed tomography scan was performed to investigate a suspected rib fracture and lung injury. The results showed fractures of the left tenth and right eighth, ninth and tenth ribs. Additionally, the thoracic computed tomography scan revealed a 3x4 cm, well-defined, lobulated, hypodense mass between the left second and third ribs (Figure 1). The mass had a large intrathoracic and small extrathoracic component. The patient underwent an en-bloc excision of the mass under general anaesthesia without complications. The histopathological diagnosis was a benign schwannoma.

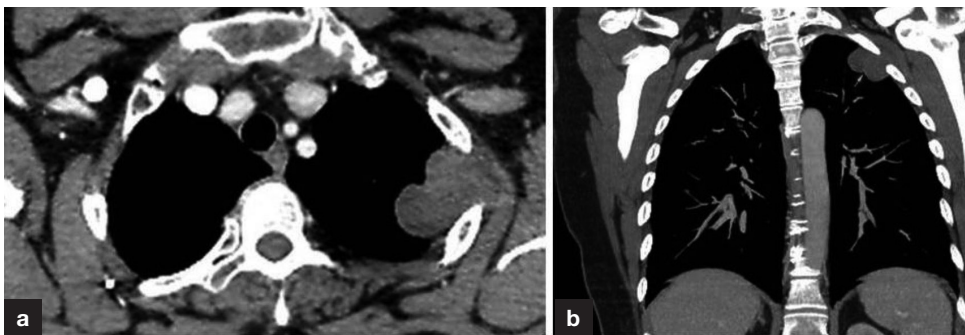
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**Figure 1.** a. Axial and (b) coronal contrast enhanced computed tomography scans of the left side of the chest wall revealing a well-defined, lobulated, homogeneous, hypodense mass between the second and third ribs without bony destruction.

A schwannoma is a tumour that develops from the Schwann cells in the peripheral nervous system, cranial nerves or spinal roots (Fujii et al, 2014). Chest wall schwannomas originating from the intercostal nerves are very rare (Krishnamurthy et al, 2015).

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