Abstract
An interesting case of posterior mediastinal tumor toward the left hemithorax in a 50-year-old female that only referred dyspnea at big efforts and, with the time, at moderate efforts, was presented. It proved to be a voluminous benign encapsulated schwannoma of 15 cm with cystic areas and internal hemorrhage, and zones of whitish yellow soft tissue with lung collapse. This tumor was associated with a subpleural bulla of 8 cm of the lower lobe of the left lung. The tumor and the bulla were studied, surgically treated and resected by left axillary vertical thoracotomy. The patient is asymptomatic at present.

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Mediastinal benign schwannoma, thoracotomy.