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Despite an Important Anatomical Abnormality of the Coronary Artery

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Description

Despite an important anatomical abnormality of the coronary artery, the treatment options of CAAs are still poorly defined. Therefore, in real world practice, it poses a challenge to cardiologist in deciding the modality of treatment. Nevertheless, depending on clinical condition, etiology and associated lesions, either medical treatment (anti-platelet drugs, anti-coagulation) or PCI, and surgical repair can be considered. In our case, surgery was considered; but our cardiothoracic team opined a very high surgical risk in that clinical situation. Therefore, we opted for percutaneous treatment as an alternative mode of therapy. However, there were certain challenging issues for percutaneous approach in this case. Nature of the aneurysm-true or false, and related risk of aneurysm rupture during intervention.

Carotid Endarterectomy

Inability to delineate the full extension of the aneurysm as well as the distal coronary artery, and thus difficulty in assessing the distal landing zone of stent or any device. Rapidly deteriorating condition of the patient preventing proper preassessment and planning. In fact, due to rapidly deteriorating hemodynamic condition we had to introduce Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) from right femoral approach. Right coronary artery was engaged with a 6 French Right Judkin's guide catheter. A 014 inch soft floppy tipped guide wire was used to cross the stent, but it was repeatedly falling into the aneurismal sac. Finally, after repeated attempts stent could be crossed and wire was parked distally. Proximal end of the stent was gradually dilated with a 1.2 mm × 6 mm, and 2 mm × 10 mm balloons with a final dilatation using 3 × 15 mm noncompliant balloon at 12 atmospheric pressure. A 2.8 mm × 19 mm covered stent (Graft- Master, Jostent, Abbott Vascular Devices Santa Clara, Calif.) was positioned at the point from where the aneurysm was thought to be filled, and was deployed at 18 atmospheric pressure. Post angiogram showed persistent leak into the aneurysm.

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Pulmonary Endarterectomy

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[10]. The stent used in our case was an Evorulimus-eluting polymer coated stent, but technical details of angioplasty were not known as it was performed in another centre. Arterial injury related to procedure is the likely contributor to aneurysm formation in these cases rather than the chronic arterial response to the stent, polymer, and drug. Type II aneurysm presents slowly (sub-acute to chronic), and usually is detected

within 6 months or more after the procedure. Chronic arterial response to components of stent is considered as the basis for this type of aneurysm formation. Finally, Type III aneurysm is of mycotic or infectious in etiology. This is rare, and patients typically present with systemic manifestations and fever secondary to bacteremia. Our case has characteristics of type I aneurysm