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Dear Editor,

We wish to submit for consideration for publication the following manuscript entitled:

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We present a case of a patient with pneumonia and concomitant sepsis who required urgent endovascular repair of an AAA due to its unexpected expansion. The patient had an uncomplicated post-operative recovery and a follow-up CT scan at 1 month demonstrated no evidence of an endoleak. In these patients, there must be a high index of clinical suspicion for rapid progression, and we recommend a policy of frequent monitoring to identify those patients requiring definitive management.

Yours Sincerely,

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