Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions

There are only two remarks where the authors should write some sentences in the discussion on the alignment of the results of the preoperative imaging and the histologic specimen after neck dissection, because this is a breaking point in diagnosis. Second is that the common reader of this paper has difficulties in understanding the value of the negative and positive pre- and post-examination nodal metastasis probability in the manuscript. Please explain to the readers what exactly is the value in calculating those percentages.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have nothing to declare.