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Title: Utility of repeat cytological assessment of thyroid nodules initially classified as benign: clinical insights from multidisciplinary care in an Irish tertiary referral centre

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Text is well written and useful to clinical practice.

Page 3 abstract lines 14, 17, 18: The abbreviations Thy2, Thy5 and Thy3 doesn't add to the text and may generate difficulties for better comprehension. It should be rewritten respectively as benign, malignant and follicular lesion (or maybe undetermined nodules). During the text you have it well explained and the use of the abbreviations is fine.

Page 5 line 5: when you mean clinically detected nodules is your intent to say palpable nodules or you are referring to the ultrasound detected nodules. Maybe it should be replaced by ultrasound or by imaging detected nodules.

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