Reviewer's report

Title: Analysis of Risk Factors for Cervical Lymph Node Metastasis of Papillary Thyroid Microcarcinoma: A Study of 268 Patients

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The authors retrospectively analyzed risk factors of cervical lymph node metastases in papillary microcarcinoma. The study included 268 patients, among them relatively high percentage of patients with lymph node involvement (29.5%). Male gender was the only factor related to an increased risk of lymph node metastases in a multivariate analysis.

According to current recommendation histopathological report should provide more detailed data regarding involved lymph nodes. There is no data regarding the number and the size of metastatic lymph nodes and no data about their prognostic significance. Similarly, there is the lack of information whether the presence of lymph node metastases influence clinical management and the outcome in these patients. I suggest to complete this data.

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