

Supplementary Table 1. Clinical characteristics of Korean papillary thyroid cancer patients

Variable	Value
Number of patients	282
Age (yr)	49 ± 15.5
Female sex	206 (73.0)
Tumor size (cm)	1.83 ± 1.79
Extracapsular invasion	
Yes	40 (14.2)
No	242 (85.8)
Extrathyroidal extension	
Yes	124 (44.0)
No	158 (56.0)
Central lymph node metastasis	
Yes	151 (53.5)
No	131 (46.5)
Lateral lymph node metastasis	
Yes	118 (41.8)
No	164 (58.2)
Lymphovascular invasion	
Yes	231 (81.9)
No	51 (18.1)
Recurrence or persistent disease	
Yes	40 (14.2)
No	242 (85.8)

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation or number (%).