

### *Statistical analyses*

The  $\chi^2$  test or Fisher's exact test was used to assess the accuracy of ME-NBI in relation to clinicopathologic characteristics. The Student's *t* test was used for non-categorical variables. Interobserver agreement was assessed by kappa statistics using a weighted method. Kappa values were interpreted as follows: fair, 0.21 to 0.40; moderate, 0.41 to 0.60; good, 0.61 to 0.80; and excellent, > 0.81. Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS version 21.0 for Windows (SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL, USA), with *P* values of < 0.05 considered statistically significant.