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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Previous studies had shown that tumor size, location and extra thyroid extension is associated with LNM. What is the importance of dissecting negative LLN if they have a risk for metastasis despite they are still negative and they will not affect patient survival. What are the suggested mechanisms or pathways of metastasis that can explain these association between LN groups.

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In the methods heading, the result of the study should not be included (please check the last sentences in the first paragraph) Table 1. on the tumor location, please give the notation regarding UP and non UP Table 2. Check the amount of "F" on pretracheal LNM, there was a different format compared to others The recent reference used in this manuscript was 2018, only 2 papers 2016, the others were more 5 years. Please use the recent reference.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The revisions have been made, however, some critical view of point remain need to be clearly explained. In the conclusion, authors stated that cN0PTC should be considered for LND for certain level. However, I didn't found any analysis regarding this statement on the methods and result. Please be consistent with your title, aim, result, and conclusions