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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Fine-needle aspiration cytology can provide further cytological diagnostic support for lymph nodes with suspicious ultrasound results. However, incorrect sampling site, insufficient sample size, small metastases, and cystic alteration of the lesion can all lead to false negative results. Fine-needle aspiration of thyroglobulin has relatively high diagnostic value in lymph node metastasis and recurrence of differentiated thyroid carcinoma. In this study, the authors explored the value of fine-needle aspiration of thyroglobulin combined with ultrasound-guided fine-needle aspiration cytology in the diagnosis of cervical lymph node metastasis in patients with thyroid carcinoma and its influencing factors. This study is very interesting. The authors described the methods in detail, and the diagnostic criteria are reasonable. Comments: 1. A minor language editing is required. Some minor spelling mistakes should be corrected. 2. Please add the core tip, or remove the title. 3. Please take attention about the abbreviations in the main text. 4. Please add a figure legend to the figure 1.

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This manuscript described an interesting study of US-guided FNAC for diagnosis of lymph node metastasis of thyroid carcinoma. The study is very well display, and the results are very interesting. The authors should check the data in the tables, and update the references.