

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I read the manuscript named "Predictive factors of central lymph node metastases in papillary thyroid microcarcinoma". (Manuscript NO:54148) and my recommendations are as follows. Title: It accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the study. Abstract: Adequate, summarizing the topic. Topics has been discussed with all aspects. References: References are appropriate and updated. This study is clearly presented. In my opinion this manuscript gives additional new knowledge to the existing literature. I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Reply: Thank you for your comments concerning our manuscript. The incidence of papillary thyroid microcarcinoma (PTMC) is increasing worldwide. Due to the indolent nature, the disease-specific mortality, local recurrence, and distant metastases rates of PTMC are very low. The treatment pattern of PTMC is still controversial, and a very important point of contention is the need for prophylactic central lymph node dissection. Therefore, we reviewed the published literature for possible predictive factors of central lymph node metastases (both opposing and favorable literature on multiple factors), in order to increase the understanding of this topic among the medical community. At the same time, professional editors and native English speakers have been invited to polish the language of the revised manuscript.