

**Supplemental Table S3.** The Feature of Identified Nodule in Preoperative Ultrasound Images among the Group of Post-T size > 1 cm and Post-T size ≤ 1 cm

Variable	Post-T size > 1	Post-T size ≤ 1	<i>P</i> value	Matching ratio
Total	91	141		1.5
Size, cm				
1	38 (41.8)	24 (17.0)		0.6
0.99–0.90	33 (36.3)	72 (51.1)		2.2
0.89–0.70	20 (22.0)	45 (31.9)		2.3
Characteristics				
Hypoechoic nodule	86 (94.5)	130 (92.2)	0.498	
Ill-defined or spiculated margin	20 (22.0)	20 (14.2)	0.125	
Calcification	49 (53.8)	83 (58.9)	0.451	
Suspicious ETE	0	1 (0.7)	1.000	

Values are expressed as number (%).

Post-T, postoperative tumor; ETE, extrathyroidal extension.