

Characteristic	RET-negative $(n=86)$	RET-positive (non-screened) $(n=32)$	P value ^a	RET-positive (screened) $(n=14)$	P value ^b	P value ^c
Recurrence site ^d						
Neck	23/29 (79)	26/26 (100)	0.015	0/1 (0)	0.070	< 0.001
Mediastinum	7/29 (24)	5/26 (19)	0.663	1/1 (100)	0.097	0.061
Lung	12/29 (41)	6/26 (23)	0.152	1/1 (100)	0.253	0.091
Bone	9/29 (31)	5/26 (19)	0.320	1/1 (100)	0.157	0.061
Liver	8/29 (28)	5/26 (19)	0.471	0/1 (0)	0.547	0.634
Brain	3/29 (10)	0/26(0)	0.095	0/1 (0)	0.739	>0.999
Number of recurrence sites						
1	15/26 (58)	12/26 (46)	0.174	0/1 (0)	0.219	0.221
2	3/26 (12)	9/26 (35)		0/1 (0)		
3	3/26 (12)	4/26 (15)		1/1 (100)		
4	2/26 (8)	0/26 (0)		0/1 (0)		
5	3/26 (12)	1/26 (4)		0/1 (0)		

Values are expressed as number (%).

RET, rearranged during transfection.

^aP value for comparison between *RET*-negative and *RET*-positive (non-screened) patients; ^bP value for comparison between *RET*-negative and *RET*-positive (screened) patients; ^cP value for comparison between *RET*-positive (non-screened) and *RET*-positive (screened) patients; ^dThe data include cases with recurrence at multiple sites, with each site counted separately, which may have resulted in duplicate counts.