Number of nodules (%) Histology Total=821 Malignant 186 (22.7) Papillary thyroid carcinoma (PTC) 135 (16.4) 106 (12.9) Conventional^a Follicular variant PTC (FVPTC) 13 (1.6) - Encapsulated invasive 10(1.2)- Encapsulated non-invasive 3(0.4)Microcarcinoma^b (PTMC) biopsied by FNA 16 (1.9) Follicular carcinoma 36 (4.4) Minimally invasive 21 (2.6) Encapsulated angioinvasive 8 (1.0) Widely invasive 7 (0.9) Oncocytic (Hürthle cell) carcinoma 7 (0.9) Encapsulated angioinvasive 6 (0.8) Widely invasive 1(0.1)Medullary carcinoma 5(0.6)Poorly differentiated carcinoma 1(0.1)Anaplastic carcinoma 1(0.1)Metastatic adenocarcinoma 1(0.1)Noninvasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features 10(1.2)Benign 625 (76.1) Multinodular goitre/Nodular thyroid hyperplasia 515 (62.8) Follicular/Hürthle cell adenoma 33 (4.0) Lymphocytic or Hashimoto thyroiditis 21 (2.6) Benign cyst 4(0.5)Granulomatous thyroiditis 1(0.1)Graves' disease 1(0.1)Incidental ^c papillary thyroid microcarcinoma 50 (6.1) Actual diagnoses of the nodule biopsied by FNA - Multinodular goitre/Nodular thyroid hyperplasia 48 (5.8) - Follicular/Hürthle cell adenoma 1(0.1)- Lymphocytic or Hashimoto thyroiditis 1(0.1)

Table 1. Histological diagnoses of all thyroid nodules that underwent fine-needle aspiration (FNA)

FNA: fine-needle aspiration; PTMC: papillary thyroid microcarcinoma

^a Larger than 1cm in the longest dimension

^b Up to 1cm in the longest dimension

° Not the nodule biopsied by fine-needle aspiration