

Table 3. Prevalence of thyroid nodules according to risk categories

	THYROID NODULES WITH INDICATION FOR FNAB n (%; CI)	PAPILLARY THYROID CANCER (n)
Abnormal palpation (n=38)	18 (47.4; 32.5-62.7)*	1
With risk factors (independent of palpation) (n=129)	19 (14.7; 9.6-21.9)**	0
No risks factors (independent of palpation) (n=300)	50 (16.7; 12.9-21.3)	3

FNAB: fine needle aspiration biopsy. CI: 95% confidence intervals. *p<0.0001 vs. normal palpation; **p=0.62 vs. no risks factors (independent of palpation).