

**Additional file 1:** Association between PD-L1 expression and clinicopathological characteristics.

<b>Patient characteristics</b>	<b>PD-L1<sup>neg</sup></b>	<b>PD-L1<sup>pos</sup></b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>Age</b>			
<55	15	29	
≥55	10	20	1.000
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	3	6	
Female	22	43	1.000
<b>TNM stage</b>			
I/II	22	42	
III/IV	3	7	1.000
<b>Tumour size</b>			
<2 cm	19	40	
≥2 cm	6	9	0.559
<b>Multifocality</b>			
Present	2	12	
Absent	23	37	0.120
<b>Extrathyroidal extension</b>			
Present	3	12	
Absent	22	37	0.240
<b>Lymphovascular invasion</b>			
Present	1	5	
Absent	24	44	0.657
<b>Lymph node metastases</b>			
Present	2	12	
Absent	23	37	0.120
<b>Concurrent Hashimoto's Thyroiditis</b>			
Present	15	29	
Absent	10	20	1.000