

Additional file 4: Association between CD8⁺ expression and clinicopathological characteristics.

Patient characteristics	CD8^{neg}	CD8^{pos}	P value
Age			
<55	22	22	0.639
≥55	13	17	
Sex			
Male	7	2	0.075
Female	28	37	
TNM stage			
I/II	29	35	0.502
III/IV	6	4	
Tumour size			
<2 cm	27	32	0.773
≥2 cm	8	7	
Multifocality			
Present	6	8	0.773
Absent	29	31	
Extrathyroidal extension			
Present	8	7	0.773
Absent	27	32	
Lymphovascular invasion			
Present	5	1	0.095
Absent	30	38	
Lymph node metastases			
Present	10	4	0.073
Absent	25	35	
Concurrent Hashimoto's Thyroiditis			
Present	18	12	0.098
Absent	17	27	