

Table 5. Test characteristics of fine-needle aspiration cytology for the discrimination between malignant and benign thyroid nodules in childhood.²⁰

Year (ref.)	N	Malignancy %	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	Accuracy %
1996 (5)	57	18	80	86	85
1996 (24)	18	33	73	80	75
1998 (25)	24	21	60	90	80
1998 (26)	57	25	93	81	84
2001 (27)	41	5	87	100	87
2001 (19)	46	7	100	95	95
2001 (20)	42	48	95	86	90
2005 (28)	32	44	100	65	81
total	317	23	60-100	65-100	75-95