

Table 1. Sensitivity, specificity and predictive value of various echographic patterns associated with thyroid carcinoma.

US patterns	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	PPV %	NPV %
Microcalcifications	6.1-59.1	85.8-95.0	24.3-70.7	41.8-94.2
Hypoechoogenicity	26.5-87.1	43.4-94.3	11.4-68.4	73.5-93.8
Irregular margins or no halo sign	17.4-77.5	38.9-85.0	15.6-27.0	88.0-92.1
Solid appearance	26.5-87.1	43.4-94.3	11.4-68.4	73.0-93.8
Intranodular vascularity	54.3-74.2	78.6-80.8	24.0-41.9	85.7-97.4
Taller than wide	32.7	92.5	66.7	74.8

PPV: Positive Predictive Value, NPV: Negative Predictive Value. (From Rago T, et al,¹⁰ with permission).