

Table 4. Clinicopathologic characteristics of 32 PTC patients with and without HT.

Characteristics	HT present (N=12)	HT absent (N=20)
Age (years) mean ± SD at diagnosis	49.25 ± 10.21	54.70 ± 11.42
Gender (female/male)	9/3	16/4
Stage (TNM)		
Stage I	2 T1aN0M0 10 T1bN0M0)	2 T1aN0M0 18 T1bN0M0)
Tumour size (cm)		
≤1	2	2
>1 but ≤2	10	18
Family history of TC	0	0
Persistent or recurrent PTC	0	0
Deaths	0	0

HT: Hashimoto’s Thyroiditis, TC: Thyroid Cancer, PTC: Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma, T1a: tumour diameter 1cm or less, T1b: tumour diameter more than 1cm but not more than 2cm, N0: no regional lymph node metastasis, M0: no distant metastasis. For statistical evaluation see text