**Table 1.** Characteristics of investigated subjects (n: 85).

| Nodule type | n | Female/Male | Age (years) (range) | Histology |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benign | 67 | 53/14 | 27-75 | hyperplastic nodules: 60<br>follicular adenomas: 7 |
| Malignant | 18 | 15/3 | 20-86 | papillary: 11<br>follicular: 4<br>Hurthle cell: 2<br>non differentiated carcinomas: 1 |