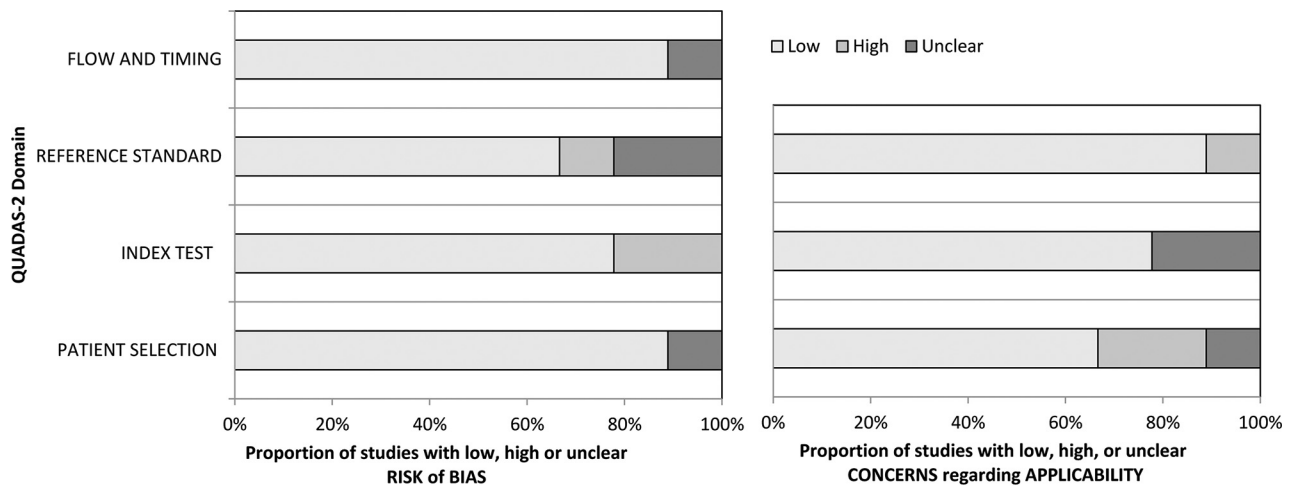


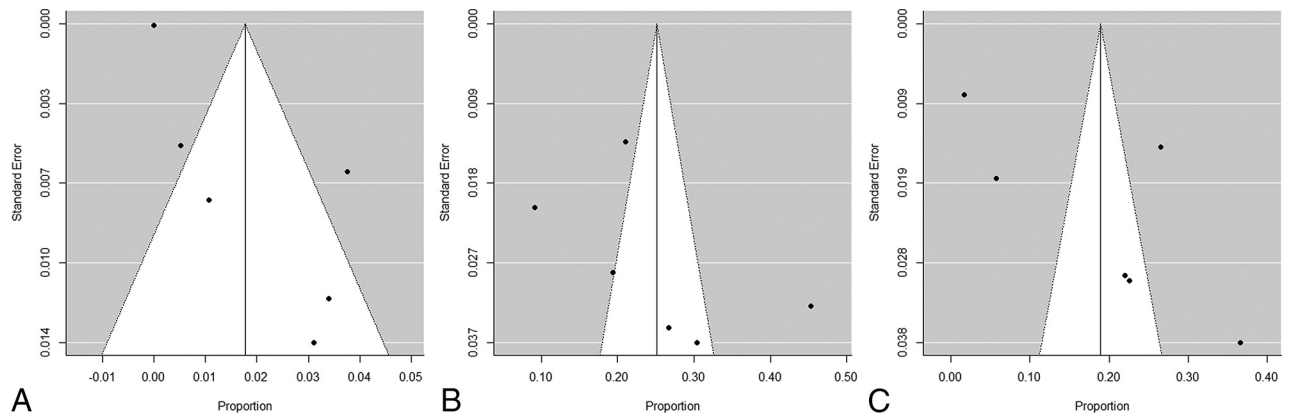
On-line Table: Characteristics of the included studies

First Author (Year of Publication)	Affiliated Institution (Study Period)	Mean Patient Age (yr)	Comparison Group	Total No. of Patients	Total No. of Thyroid Nodules	No. of CNBs	No. of FNAs	Mean Initial Nodule Size (cm)	Size of Core Needle (ga)	Patient Characteristics
Choi et al (2014) ⁹	Asan Medical Center, South Korea (10/2008–7/2011)	51.1	CNB only	191	191	191	191	1.82	18	Initial AUS or FLUS results at previous FNA
Hahn et al (2013) ¹⁰	Samsung Medical Center, South Korea (4/2006–12/2010)	49.9	CNB only	88	88	88	88	2.3	18	Initially inconclusive results at previous FNA
Jang et al (2016) ¹¹	Asan Medical Center, South Korea (4/2013–6/2014)	54.1	CNB only	236	236	236	236	2.2	18	Initial AUS results at previous FNA
Kim et al (2016) ¹²	Samsung Medical Center, South Korea (4/2011–3/2015)	48.1	CNB only	904	904	904	904	1.2	18	Initial AUS or FLUS results at previous FNA
Na et al (2012) ⁶	Human Medical Imaging and Intervention Center, South Korea (2/2009–1/2010)	46	CNB vs repeat FNA	161	161	161	161	0.9 (median)	18	Initial AUS or FLUS results at previous FNA
Na et al (2015) ⁷	Human Medical Imaging and Intervention Center, South Korea (2/2010–6/2013)	51.8	CNB vs repeat FNA	153	158	158	158	1.68	18	Initial AUS or FLUS results at previous FNA
Park et al (2011) ⁸	Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, South Korea (2/2005–6/2009)	50.8	CNB vs repeat FNA	196	196	54	142	NA	18	Initially indeterminate nodules at previous FNA
Trimboli et al (2015) ¹³	Ospedale Israelitico, Italy (1/2012–12/2013)	46.4	CNB only	125	125	125	125	NA	NA	Initial AUS or FLUS or follicular neoplasm/ suspicious for follicular neoplasm at previous FNA
Yoo et al (2014) ¹⁴	Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, South Korea (1/2010–5/2012)	50.5	CNB only	186	186	186	186	1.37	18	Initial AUS or FLUS results at previous FNA

Note:—NA indicates not applicable.



ON-LINE FIG 1. Quality Assessment of the Diagnostic Accuracy Studies-2 criteria for the included studies.



ON-LINE FIG 2. Funnel plots for the visual assessment of publication bias. A, Pooled proportion for nondiagnostic results on CNB. B, Pooled proportion for inconclusive results on CNB. C, Pooled proportion for malignancy on CNB.