

**Table 5** How to measure growth rate in thyroid tumors.

**1. Preoperative (Risk Stratification of Indeterminate Nodules)**

- 1) Risk-Stratification of Thyroid Nodule by Thyroid Imaging Reporting and Data System (TIRAD)
- 2) Growing Nodule Measured by Size Change During Follow-Up

**2. Pathology Report**

**(Risk Stratification of Recurrence and Cancer Death at Surgery)**

- 1) Histopathologic Classification of Thyroid Tumors
- 2) Exclusion of High-Grade Cancer and Aggressive Variant PTC (Table 1)
- 3) Evaluation of Prognostic Factors (Extrathyroid Extension, Extranodal Extension, Number of Lymph Node Involved, Number of Angio-invasion etc.)
- 4) Ki67 Labeling Index
- 5) Pathology TNM Stage

**3. Postoperative**

- 1) Completeness of Surgery (Confirmation of Low Serum Thyroglobulin (TG) After Total Thyroidectomy)
- 2) Measurement of TG in Cases with Recurrence to Calculate TG Doubling Time (Growth Rate) (Reference 23)
- 3) Ki67 Labeling Index on Recurrence Tumor Tissue if Available