

TABLE 4. Clavien-Dindo classification of perioperative complications. CNS, central nervous system; ICU, intensive care unit.

Clavien-Dindo classification	Definition	Number of patients (N=18)
Grade I	Any deviation from the normal postoperative course without the need for pharmacological treatment or surgical, endoscopic and radiological interventions Allowed therapeutic regimens are: drugs as antiemetics, antipyretics, analgesics, diuretics and electrolytes and physiotherapy. This grade also includes wound infections opened at the bedside.	0 (0%)
Grade II	Requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than such allowed for grade I complications. Blood transfusions and total parenteral nutrition are also included.	11 (61%)
Grade III	Requiring surgical, endoscopic or radiological intervention	7 (39%)
-IIIa	<i>Intervention not under general anaesthesia</i>	3 (17%)
-IIIb	<i>Intervention under general anaesthesia</i>	4 (22%)
Grade IV	Life-threatening complication (including CNS complications) requiring ICU management	
- IVa	<i>single organ dysfunction (including dialysis)</i>	0 (0%)
- IVb	<i>multi organ dysfunction</i>	0 (0%)
Grade V	Death of a patient	0 (0%)