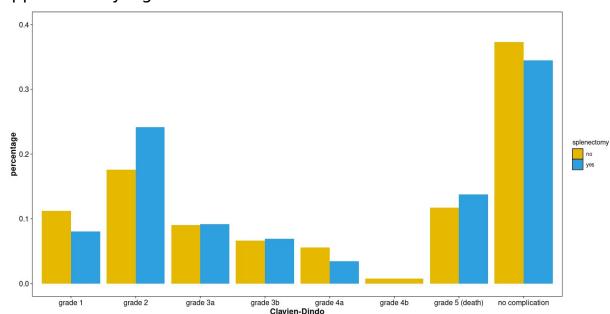


Survival analysis of splenectomy in combination with center size. The Kaplan-Meier curves illustrate, that patients have the best prognosis in high volume centers (>=50 cases/year). However, for both center volumes, spleen preservation remains an independent factor for a better outcome of the patient.



## Supplementary Figure 2

Comparison of postoperative morbidity and mortality based on Clavien Dindo Classification in the splenectomy and spleen-preserving group. No significant differences could be found between the two groups.