

Supplementary Table 1: Literature Review of Studies Assessing Salivary Cortisol in AST						
Study	Participants	ACTH Stimulation Test (AST) Protocol	Serum Cortisol Assay and Cut-off	Salivary Cortisol Assay	Relationship between Serum and Salivary Cortisol	Salivary Cortisol Cut-off
Albert, 2019. ³⁰	45 healthy volunteers, 39 AI, 39 decompensated cirrhosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60, 90 minutes 	Roche immunoassay; Serum cortisol > 248 nmol/L at 0 minutes, > 497 nmol/L at 60 minutes, or increase between 0 minute and 60 minute samples > 248 nmol/L	Electrochemiluminescence assay	R=0.79, P<0.01	0 minute < 2.2 nmol/L 60 minutes < 39.5 nmol/L Rise in salivary cortisol < 27.6 nmol/L (Sn/Sp not reported)
Chao, 2019. ³¹	21 healthy children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV or IM 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0 and 45 minutes 	Immunoassay; Complete AI: peak serum cortisol < 275 nmol/L Partial AI: peak serum cortisol 275 - 497 nmol/L	LC-MS	R ² =0.96	Peak salivary cortisol >13.8 nmol/L (sensitivity 100%, specificity 100%)
Contreras, 2004. ²⁶	21 healthy volunteers, 19 AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM 12.5mcg, 25mcg, 250mcg AST • Serum cortisol measured at 0 and 30 minutes • Salivary cortisol measured at 0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120 minutes 	Radio-immunoassay; Serum cortisol ≥ 552nmol/L	Radio-immunoassay	R=0.099, P=0.665	Salivary cortisol >20 nmol/L 30 minutes after AST (based on healthy subjects; Sn/Sp not reported)
Cornes, 2015 ¹⁶	36 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AST performed in afternoon 	Roche immunoassay	LC-MS	R ² =0.6037	Peak salivary cortisol ≥15nmol/L

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 30 and 60 minutes 	Peak serum cortisol \geq 550nmol/L			(Sn/Sp not reported)
Deutschbein, 2009. ²⁵	21 healthy volunteers, 55 AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60, 90, 120 minutes 	Centaur immunoassay; ITT peak cortisol \geq 500 nmol/L	Radio-immunoassay	R=0.88 $P<0.001$	Salivary cortisol at 30 minutes: >32.5 nmol/L (sensitivity 72%; specificity 86%)
Duřková, 2016. ¹⁷	15 healthy men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 1, 10, 250mcg AST • ITT 	LC-MS	LC-MS	NA	Peak salivary cortisol ≥ 12.5 nmol/L (healthy subjects)
Elbuken, 2014. ³²	44 healthy volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 1, 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60 minutes (for 1mcg AST) and 0, 30, 60, 90 minutes (for 250mcg AST) 	Radio-immunoassay	Immunoassay	NA	Peak salivary cortisol ≥ 5.8 nmol/L (1mcg AST) or ≥ 23.4 nmol/L (250mcg AST) (healthy subjects)
Elder, 2018. ¹⁸	35 healthy volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 1, 250mcg AST • 1mg dexamethasone given the night before and morning of AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured from 0 to 120 minutes 	Abbott Architect immunoassay	LC-MS	R=0.82, $P<0.001$	NA
George, 2020. ²⁹	67 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM 30u porcine corticotrophin • Salivary cortisol measured at 0, 60, 120 minutes 	Roche II immunoassay; peak serum cortisol ≥ 500 nmol/L	Electrochemiluminescence	R=0.88, $P<0.001$	Peak salivary cortisol: 60 mins: >18.5 nmol/L (sensitivity 97%, specificity 97%); 120 minutes: > 29.3 nmol/L (sensitivity 100%, specificity 93.4%)
Kim, 2020. ²³	120 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol at 0, 30, 60 	Packard Cobra Gamma Counter analyzer RIA;	EIA (Salimetrics)	R=0.750, $P<0.001$	Peak salivary cortisol >13.2 nmol/L (sensitivity 90.7%; specificity 94.1%).

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Kosák, 2014. ²⁷	84 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol at 0, 30, 60 minutes 	Radio-immunoassay; Peak cortisol > 500 nmol/L	Immunoassay	R=0.773, P<0.001	Peak salivary cortisol >27.54 nmol/L (Sn/Sp not reported)
Langelaan, 2018. ¹⁹	129 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60 minutes 	Roche immunoassay Cortisol 1: ≥ 550 nmol/L Cortisol 2: ≥ 420 nmol/L	LC-MS	NA	Peak salivary cortisol: 0 minutes: ≥5.9 nmol/L 30 minutes: ≥17.2 nmol/L 60 minutes: ≥15.6 nmol/L (Sn/Sp not reported)
Mak, 2017. ²⁰	56 healthy volunteers 171 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 1mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60 minutes 	Abbott Architect immunoassay Peak serum cortisol ≥376 nmol/L	LC-MS	R=0.779	Peak salivary cortisol ≥8.6 nmol/L (sensitivity 84.7%, specificity=94.6%)
Marcus-Perlman, 2006. ²⁸	14 healthy volunteers, 14 women (pregnant or on OCP), 10 AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 1mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol at 0, 30, 60 minutes 	Roche immunoassay; peak cortisol > 496.8 nmol/L	Radio-immunoassay	R=0.74	Serum cortisol at 30 minutes >24.28 nmol/L (Sn/Sp not reported)
Nolan, 2017. ²¹	24 healthy volunteers 10 healthy women on OCP 87 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol measured at 0, 30, 60 minutes 	Beckman DxI800 immunoassay; peak serum cortisol ≥500 nmol/L	LC-MS	NA	Peak salivary cortisol ≥26 nmol/L (Sn/Sp not reported)
Perogamvros, 2010. ²²	78 suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM 250mcg AST (n=68) • ITT (n=10) 	Siemens Centaur immunoassay; Peak serum cortisol >500 nmol/L	LC-MS	R ² =0.83, P<0.001	Peak salivary cortisol >8.3 nmol/L (sensitivity 100%, specificity 100%)

Raff, 2008. ³³	28 hospitalised patients with low serum albumin, suspected AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV 5mcg or 250mcg AST • Serum and salivary cortisol at 30 minutes 	Centaur immunoassay; serum cortisol > 497 nmol/L 30 minutes after AST	Enzyme-linked immunoassay	NA	NA
<p>AI: adrenal insufficiency OCP: oral contraceptive pills EIA: enzyme immunoassay LC-MS: liquid chromatography mass spectrometry</p>						