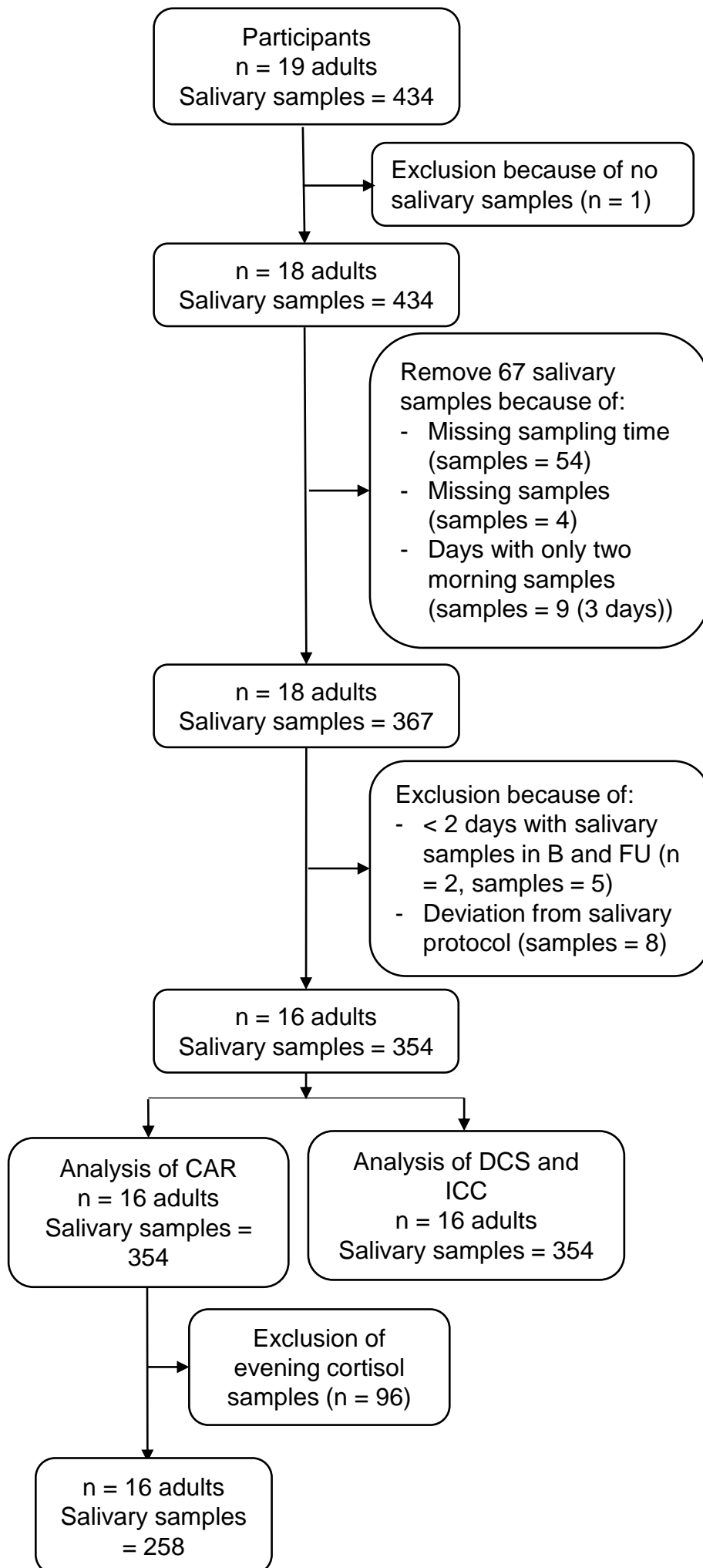


Additional file 4: Flow chart of exclusion from the analyses



The figure shows a graphic presentation of the exclusion process before the analyses.

B = Baseline; FU = Follow-up; CAR = Cortisol awakening response; DCS = Diurnal cortisol slope; ICC = Intraclass correlation.