

Table 1. Clinical and biochemical characteristics of patients with normal (Group A) or insufficient (Group B) cortisol response to insulin tolerance test (ITT). Response to ITT was considered normal if peak cortisol levels were $>18 \mu\text{g/dl}$ (500 nmol/L)

	Group A, n=44	Group B, n=11	P
Age (yr)	41.0 \pm 10.8	38.5 \pm 9.7	0.49
Other pituitary deficits (%)	9 (20.5)	4 (36.4)	0.46
ACTH (pg/ml)	13.4 \pm 5.4	17.4 \pm 10.3	0.08
Basal cortisol ($\mu\text{g/dl}$)	9.0 \pm 2.6	8.6 \pm 2.6	0.67
Peak cortisol levels after ITT ($\mu\text{g/dl}$)	23.4 \pm 2.9	14.4 \pm 2.1	<0.001
30 min cortisol levels after SDCT ($\mu\text{g/dl}$)	18.8 \pm 2.3	16.8 \pm 3.0	0.016
60 min cortisol levels after SDCT ($\mu\text{g/dl}$)	22.5 \pm 2.8	20.2 \pm 2.8	0.019

Data are expressed as mean \pm SD or absolute number with percentage in parenthesis.