

Table 3. The AUC (area under the curve) values of cortisol during an insulin tolerance test (nmol/lx120 min), low and standard-dose ACTH tests (nmol/lx60 min) in the two groups.

Test	AS (n=13)	Controls (n=8)	P value
Low-dose ACTH test	49789±15427	43816±12064	0.444
Standard-dose ACTH test	5039±10574	54110±8797	0.315
Insulin tolerance test	71414±20461	72037±25943	0.930

AS; Ankylosing spondylitis. Results are expressed as mean ± S.D.