

Table II. Causes of adrenal insufficiency

Primary adrenocortical insufficiency

Congenital adrenal aplasia
X-linked adrenal hypoplasia congenital (AHC) due to DAX-1 deficiency
Adrenal hypoplasia due to SF-1 deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by CYP21 deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by CYP11B1 deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by CYP17 deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by 3 β HSD2 deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by CYP11A or StAR deficiency
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia caused by P450 oxidoreductase (POR) deficiency
Adrenoleukodystrophy/adrenomyeloneuropathy
Wolman disease (acid lipase deficiency)
Steroid sulfatase deficiency (X-linked ichthyosis) Smith Lemli Opitz syndrome
Mineralocorticoid deficiency owing to CMOI or CMOII (CYP11B2) deficiency*
Autoimmune mediated adrenocortical insufficiency (Addison disease)

Secondary to deficient ACTH secretion

Panhypopituitarism or multiple anterior pituitary hormone deficiencies
Isolated ACTH deficiency
Cessation of pharmacologic glucocorticoid treatment
Resection of unilateral cortisol-secreting tumor
Infants born to mothers treated with glucocorticoids

Secondary to end-organ unresponsiveness

ACTH resistance
Cortisol resistance
Pseudohypoaldosteronism (mineralocorticoid resistance)*

*These disorders are characterized by deficiency of mineralocorticoid and would not be associated with hypoglycemia.