Table 2. Descriptive statistics for stimulated free cortisol index to 1 μg of corticotropin preoperatively (PreOp) and on postoperative day 1 (PoD1). Asterisks denote Tukey's test $p < 0.05$ compared to PreOp values – see text for details; P25/P50/P75: 1st quartile/ median/3rd quartile.

		Mean+SD	**P25/P50/P75**
Free Cortisol Index (unit-free)	PreOp	0.93+0.62	0.81/0.86/1.00
	PoD1*	1.23+1.77	1.11/1.12/1.21