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Figure 1: Steroidogenesis and urinary steroid metabolites

Legend: Schematic representation of steroidogenesis and the derived major urinary steroid metabolites (in capital case and red).

Androgen precursor metabolites: 5PD - pregnenediol, 5PT - pregnenetriol, DHEA - dehydroepiandrosterone, 16α -OH-DHEA - 16α -hydroxy-DHEA

Glucocorticoid precursor metabolites: PD – pregnanediol, PT – pregnanetriol, THS: tetrahydro-11-deoxycortisol

Mineralocorticoid precursors: THDOC: tetrahydro-11-deoxycorticosterone, 5α -THDOC: 5α -tetrahydro-11-deoxycorticosterone

Mineralocorticoid metabolites: THA: tetrahydro-11-dehydrocorticosterone, 5α -THA: 5α -tetrahydro-11-dehydrocorticosterone, THB: tetrahydrocorticosterone, 5α -THB: 5α -tetrahydrocorticosterone, THALDO: tetrahydroaldosterone

Glucocorticoid metabolites: THF: tetrahydrocortisol, 5α -THF - 5α -tetrahydrocortisol, THE: tetrahydrocortisone

Androgen metabolites: Etio: etiocholanolone, An: androsterone