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To the Editor,

I have read with interest the paper of Jørgensen et al., Effect of glucocorticosteroids on some coagulation tests [Acta haemat. 68: 39-42, (1982)]. We observed elevation of factor VIII activity in a patient with Cushing syndrome in 1961, whose hypercoagulability was corrected following bilateral adrenalectomy [1]. Therefore, coagulation studies were undertaken in other patients before and after glucocorticosteroid treatment, including hemophiliacs [1] and von Willebrand's patients [2] with similar results. Although the authors' findings about antithrombin III and factor VIII related antigen changes were not recorded previously, prothrombin time and partial thromboplastin time and other factors including factors V, VII-X, fibrinogen are well known. Because of improvement in coagulation, along with the tests, we have suggested its usage in the treatment of some bleeding disorders years ago [2].

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