

347 patients eligible for the study

195 patients excluded
94 had exclusion criterion
93 refused to participate
8 decision of intensivist

152 patients
randomized

76 Assigned to conventional tidal volume
1 Lost due to transfer to other hospital
1 Excluded because of having ARDS directly
after randomization

76 Assigned to lower tidal volume

74 Included in analysis

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