301 patients in study

35 patients excluded
- EVLWI <10ml/kg (n = 14)
- unclassified by expert decision (n = 8)
- atelectasis and consolidation due to pneumonia (n = 5)
- acute phase of inhalation burn and lung contusion (n = 3)
- non-acute onset (n = 2)
- acute phase of drowning (n = 1)
- combined with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (n = 1)
- after lung resection (n = 1)

ARDSexp (n = 56)

ARDSp (n = 117)

173 final study samples