140 patients randomized

26 patients excluded because of receiving less than 48 hours of mechanical ventilation

113 patients included in statistical analysis of the primary study

55 patients assigned to no sedation

23 patients eligible for psychological follow up

3 patients not responding or not interested in psychological follow up

4 patients changed their mind before the interview

2 patients suffered from dementia

1 patient died before the interview

38 patients died before follow up

13 patients interviewed

58 patients assigned to sedation

20 patients eligible for psychological follow up

2 patients not responding or not interested in psychological follow up

3 patients changed their mind before the interview

2 patients suffered from dementia

1 patient died before the interview

38 patients died before follow up

13 patients interviewed

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Figure 1. Consort diagram