

Figure 3. Patient enrolment. The blue diamonds present the enrolment of each patient for the INTEREST Study. Patient enrolment lasted slightly longer than planned due to site initiation timelines and the actual patient enrolment rate. During the first months of the study, sites were still being opened and only few sites were screening patients. As more and more sites became active, also the enrolment rate improved. Some seasonal variation in ARDS can also be seen in the picture, as ARDS is more common during the flu-season i.e. the winter months.