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| **Group** | **Parameter** | **Healthy** | **ALI patients****(non-ARDS)** | **ARDS patients** |
| **Number (N)**  | Total | 40 | 36 | 36 |
| **Age (years)** | Mean ± SD | 49.9 ± 9.1 | 50.1 ± 9.7 | 50.5 ± 8.8 |
| **Gender** | Male/Female | 20/20 | 16/20 | 21/15 |
| **Smoking history** | Yes/No | 17/23 | 18/18 | 18/18 |
| **Drinking history** | Yes/No | 25/15 | 16/20 | 23/13 |

*Supplementary Table 1. Basic information on the volunteers*

Notes: ALI, acute lung injury; ARDS, acute respiratory distress syndrome.