

# **RESPIRATORY MECHANICS AND LUNG STRESS / STRAIN IN CHILDREN WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME**

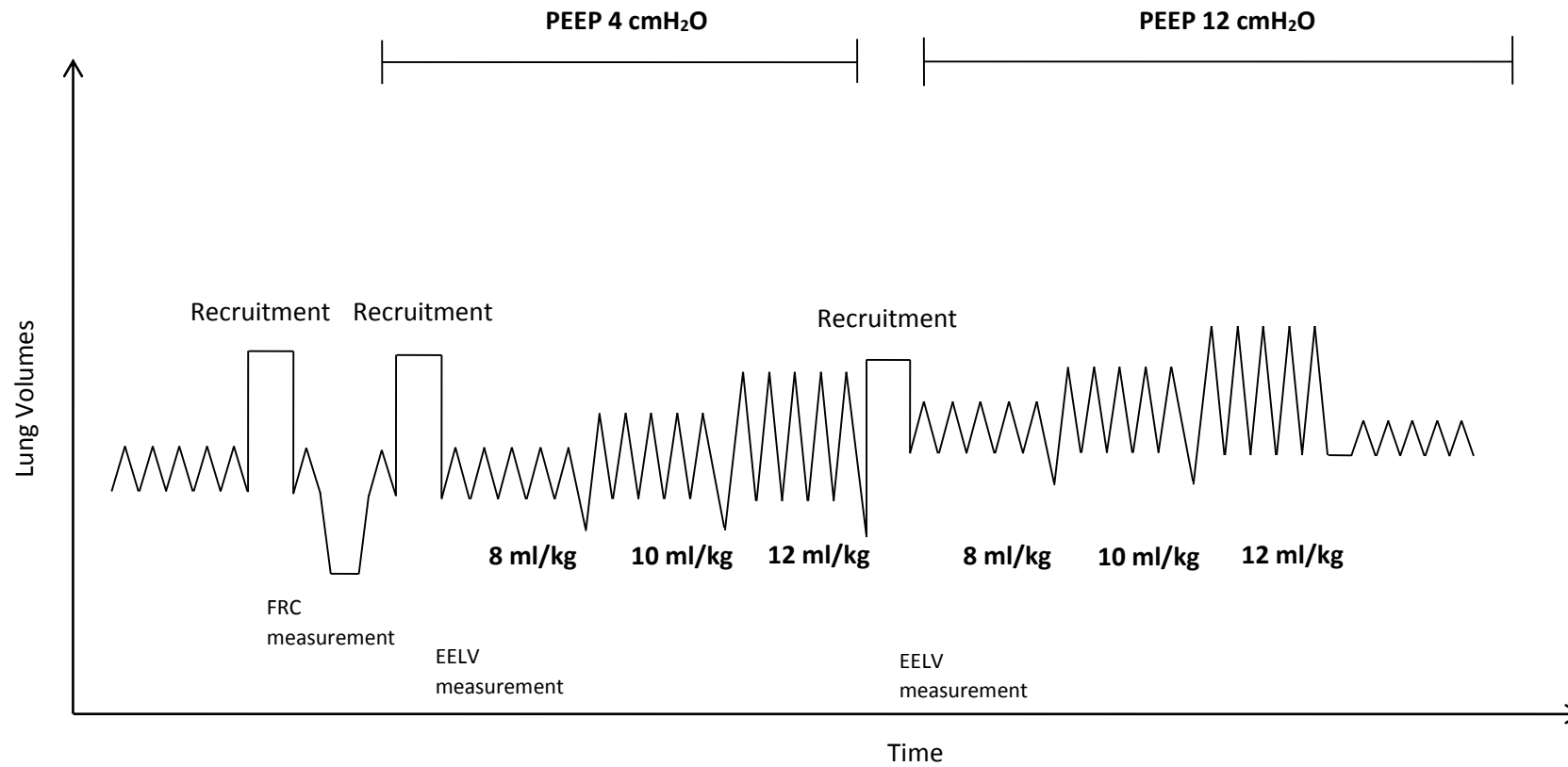
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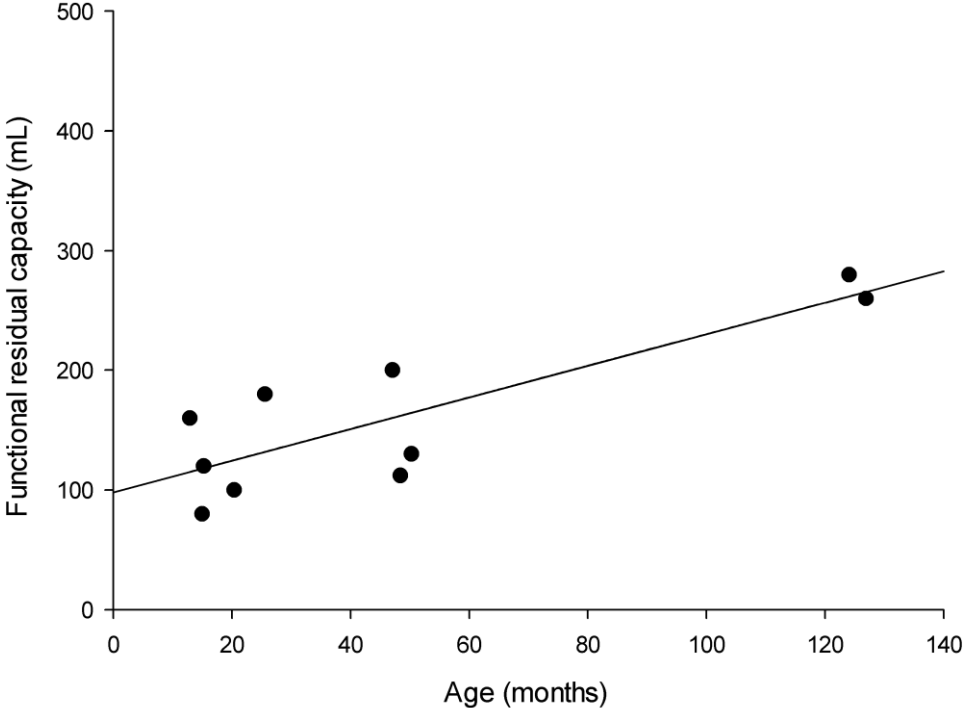
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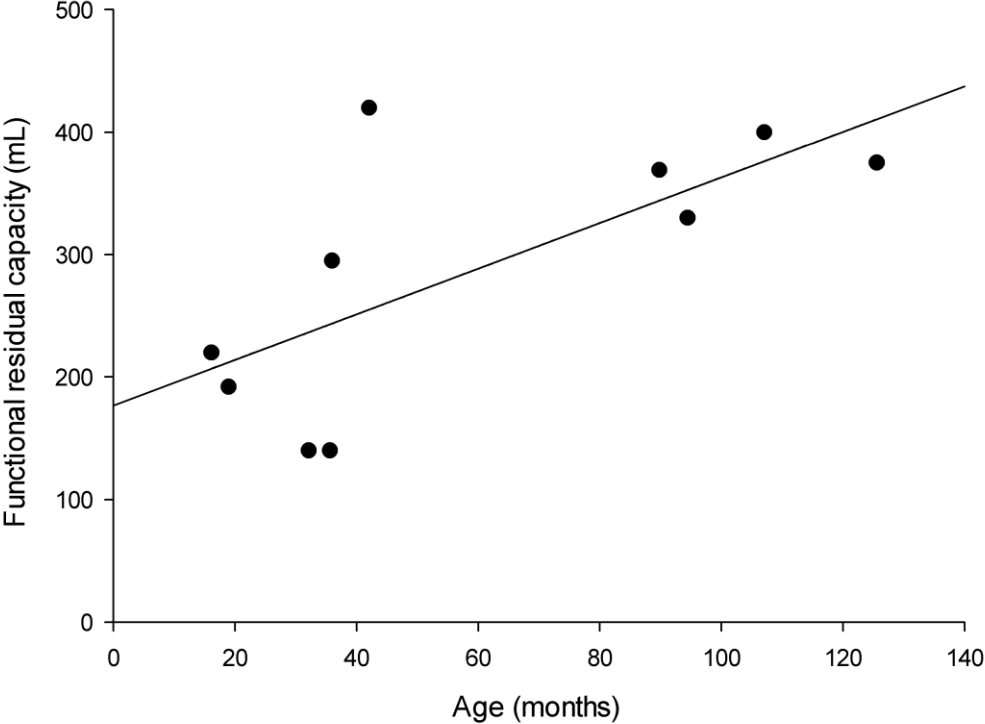
**Figure S1.** Schematic representation of the lung volume changes observed during the different steps of the experimental protocol.



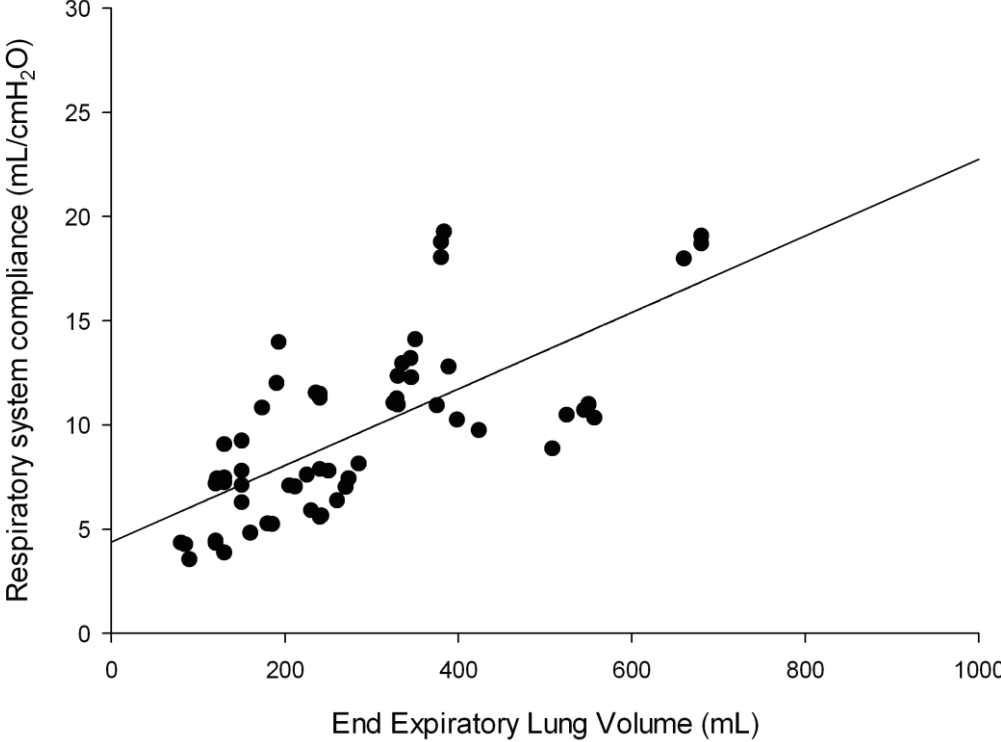
**Figure S2.** Linear regression between functional residual capacity and age in ARDS patients ( $y=98.05+1.32x$ ,  $r^2=0.71$ ,  $p=0.002$ ).



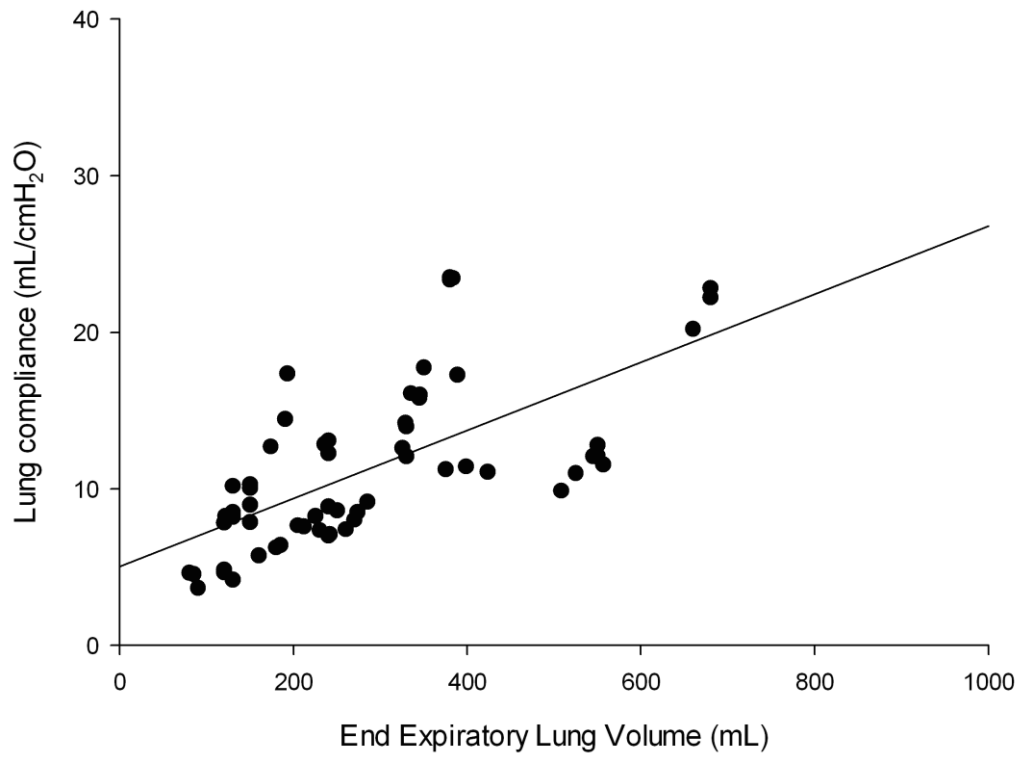
**Figure S3.** Linear regression between functional residual capacity and age in control patients ( $y=176.81+1.86x$ ,  $r^2=0.49$ ,  $p=0.02$ ).



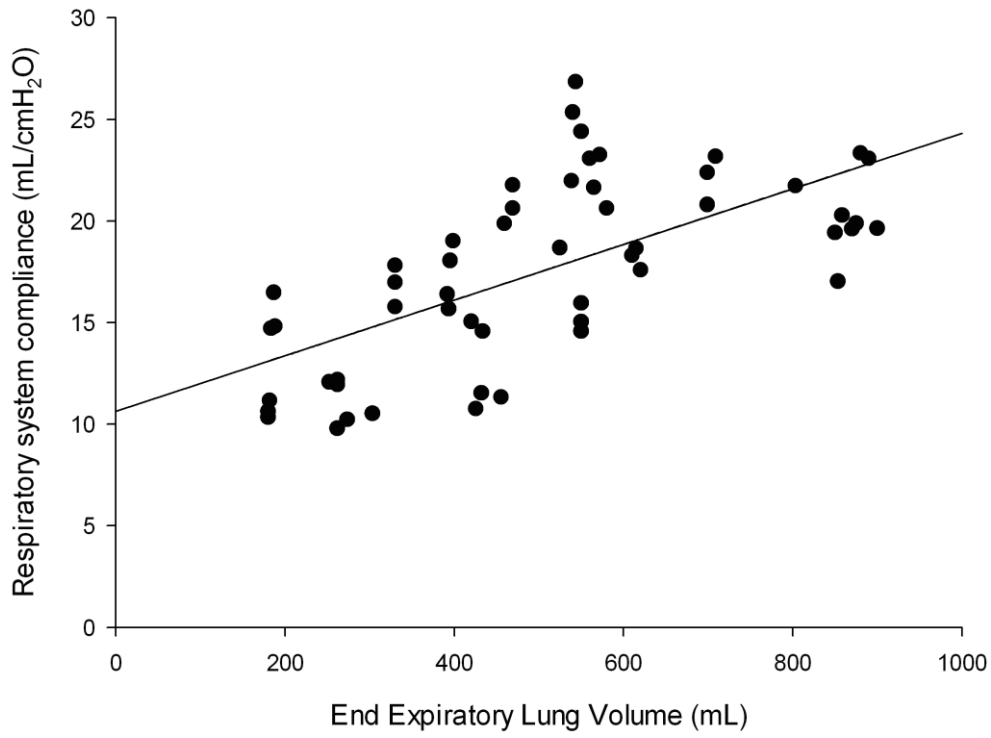
**Figure S4.** Linear regression between respiratory system compliance and end expiratory lung volume in ARDS patients ( $y=4.38+0.01x$ ,  $r^2=0.49$ ,  $p<0.001$ ).



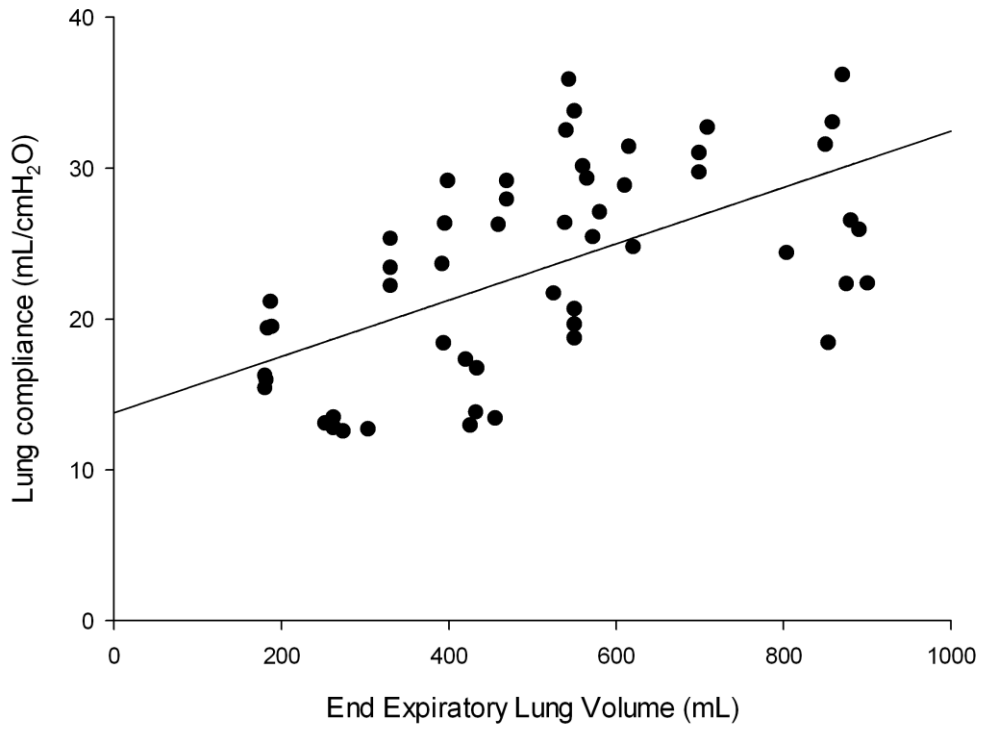
**Figure S5.** Linear regression between lung compliance and end expiratory lung volume in ARDS patients ( $y=5.04+0.02x$ ,  $r^2=0.44$ ,  $p<0.001$ ).



**Figure S6.** Linear regression between respiratory system compliance and end expiratory lung volume in control patients ( $y=10.63+0.01x$ ,  $r^2=0.43$ ,  $p<0.001$ ).

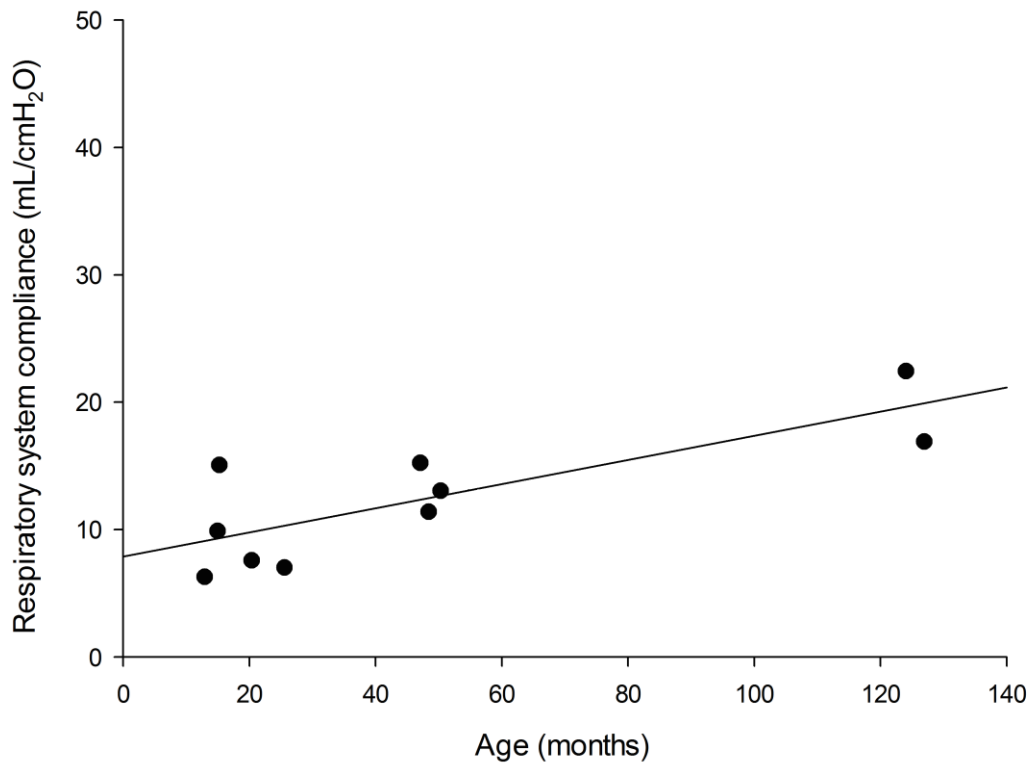


**Figure S7.** Linear regression between lung compliance and end expiratory lung volume in control patients ( $y=13.78+0.01x$ ,  $r^2=0.34$ ,  $p<0.001$ ).

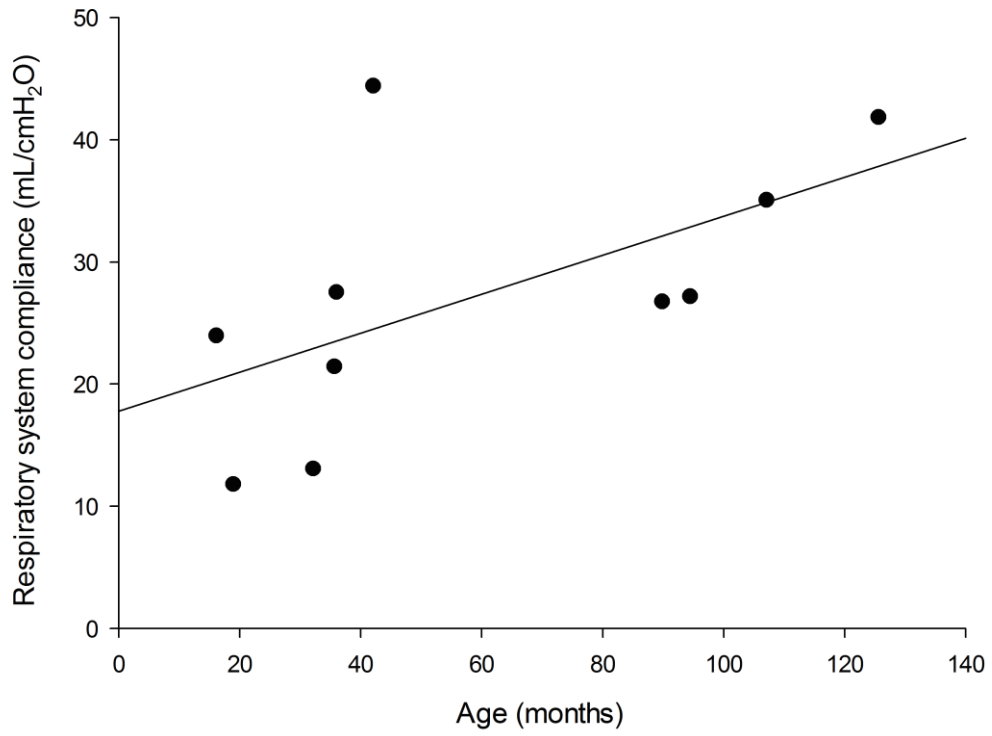




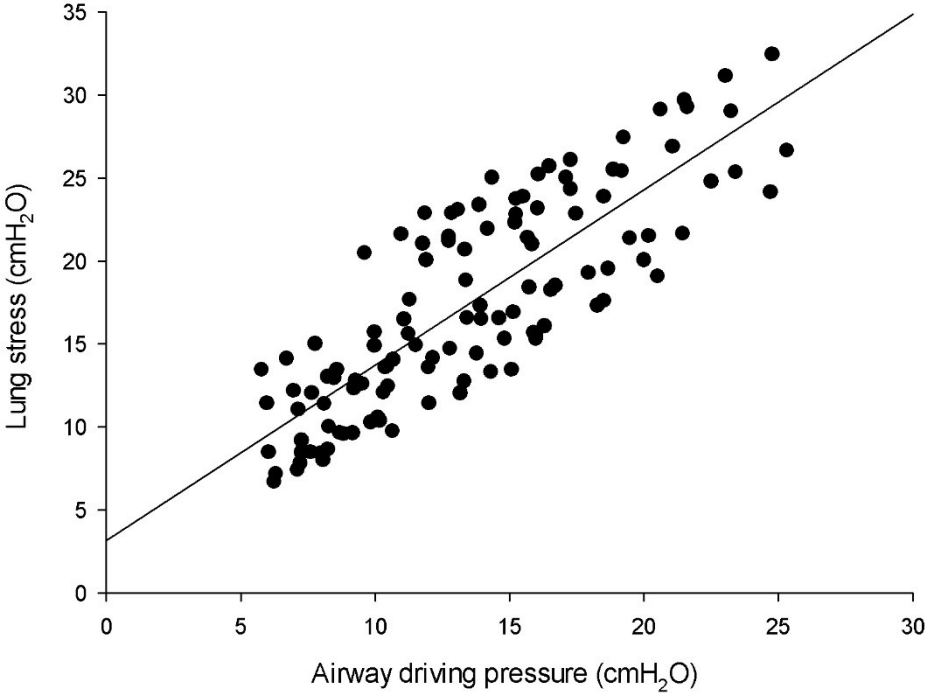
**Figure S8.** Linear regression between respiratory system compliance and age in ARDS patients ( $y=7.87+0.09x$ ,  $r^2=0.64$ ,  $p=0.005$ ).



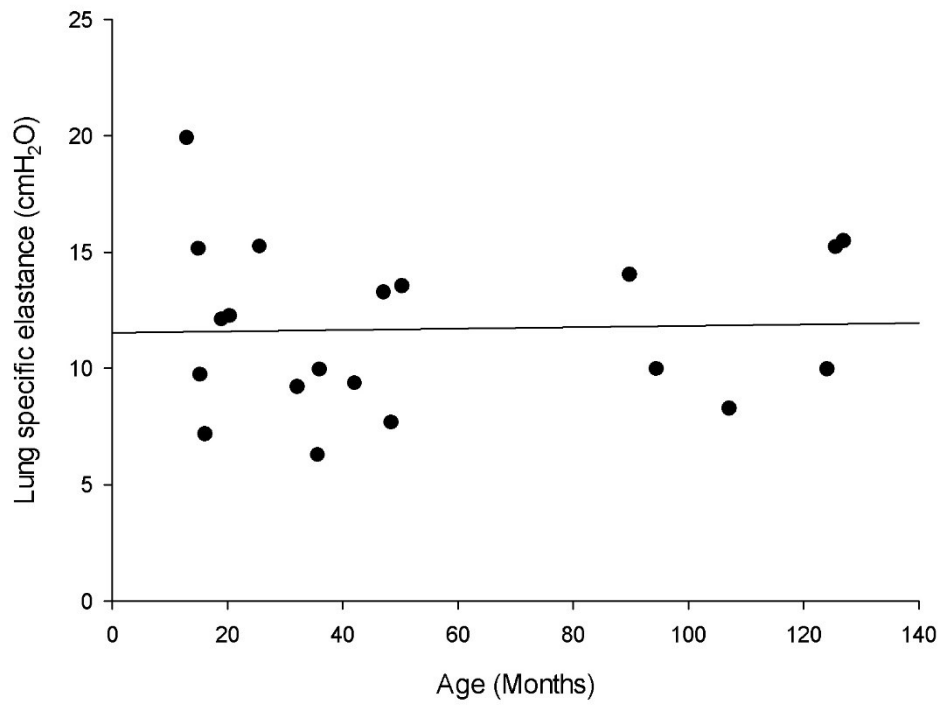
**Figure S9.** Linear regression between respiratory system compliance and age in control patients ( $y=17.79+0.15x$ ,  $r^2=0.35$ ,  $p=0.071$ ).



**Figure S10.** Linear regression between airway driving pressure and lung stress considering both ARDS and control group ( $y=3.135+1.058x$ ,  $r^2=0.689$ ,  $p<0.001$ ).



**Figure S11.** Linear regression between lung specific elastance (mean of the determinations at different PEEP ad Vt) and patient's age ( $y=11,538+0,00304x$ ,  $r^2=0.00126$   $p=0.882$ )



**Table S1.** Comparison between patients with mild and moderate-to-severe ARDS.

Variable	ARDS patients (N=10)	Mild ARDS (N=6)	Moderate to severe ARDS (N=4)	P value
Age (Months)	36 [15 – 50]	23 [15 – 48]	49 [31 – 89]	0.476
FRC (mL)	145 [112 – 200]	140 [112 – 180]	165 [105 – 230]	0.853
EELV at PEEP 4 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (mL)	191 [139 – 280]	191 [140 – 213]	210 [125 – 311]	0.879
EELV at PEEP 12 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (mL)	324 [286 – 387]	324 [286 – 365]	342 [229 – 435]	0.814
Lung specific elastance (cmH <sub>2</sub> O) *	13.4 [10.0 – 15.3]	11.1 [9.7 – 15.3]	14.4 [13.4 – 15.3]	0.437
Ers at PEEP 4 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	103.4 [82.4 – 142.5]	103.3 [82.4 – 135.6]	115.0 [81.1 – 195.5]	0.539
Ecw at PEEP 4 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	12.9 [10.9 – 15.3]	12.7 [10.9 – 15.3]	12.9 [10.7 – 22.0]	0.914
El at PEEP 4 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	93.2 [68.5 – 120.2]	93.2 [68.5 – 120.2]	95.3 [69.3 – 174.6]	0.531
Ers at PEEP 12 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	113.5 [92.5 – 144.5]	111.6 [82.8 – 138.1]	122.7 [96.7 – 191.1]	0.382
Ecw at PEEP 12 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	12.1 [8.5 – 18.7]	11.9 [8.3 – 19.2]	13.9 [9.6 – 17.9]	0.746
El at PEEP 12 cmH <sub>2</sub> O (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L) *	101.4 [84.0 – 127.8]	100.7 [63.6 – 127.8]	108.0 [87.1 – 173.2]	0.313

FRC: functional residual capacity; EELV: end-expiratory lung volume; PEEP: positive end-expiratory pressure; Ers: respiratory system elastance; El: lung elastance; Ecw: chest wall elastance.

\*mean of the value measured at Vt 8-10-12 mL/kg

Statistical analysis: student's t-test, Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test, as appropriate.