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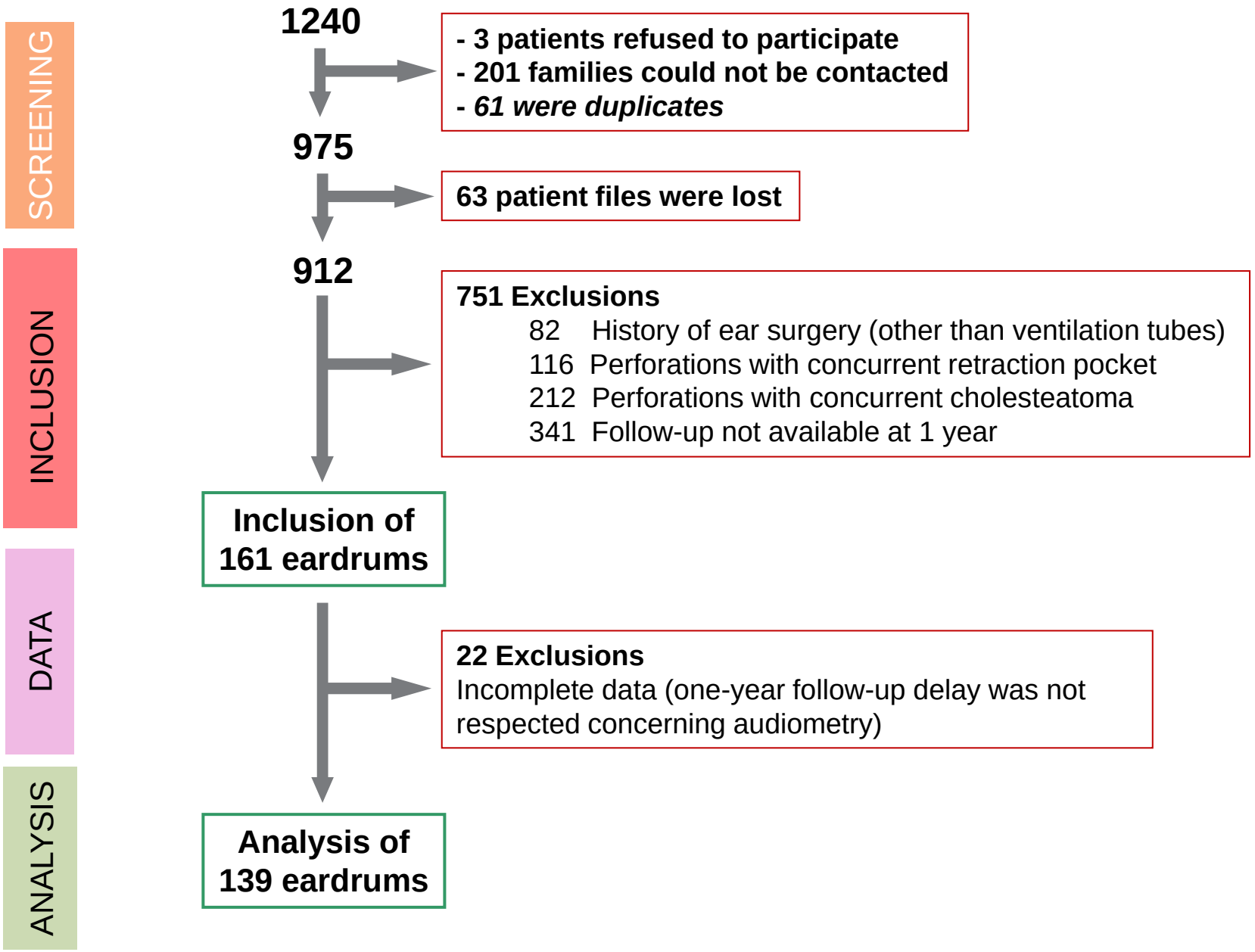
SCREENING
INCLUSION
DATA
ANALYSIS
1240
- 3 patients refused to participate
- 201 families could not be contacted
- 61 were duplicates
975
63 patient files were lost
912
751 Exclusions
82 History of ear surgery (other than ventilation tubes)
116 Perforations with concurrent retraction pocket
212 Perforations with concurrent cholesteatoma
341 Follow-up not available at 1 year
Inclusion of 161 eardrums
22 Exclusions
Incomplete data (one-year follow-up delay was not respected concerning audiometry)
Analysis of 139 eardrums