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improves outcomes compared with prophylactic anticoagulation, without leading to an untoward increased risk of major bleeding events.

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## Exclusion of Older Adults in COVID-19 Clinical Trials



*To the Editor:* The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has resulted in the infection of millions around the world.<sup>1,2</sup> The majority of COVID-19 hospitalizations and related deaths have been reported in older patients.<sup>1,2</sup> As such, it is crucial for COVID-19-related trials to enroll representative patients, and to be inclusive of older

patients to generate valid and generalizable results. Here, we analyze the age inclusion/exclusion criteria of current COVID-19 trials, and the enrolled participants' ages among reported trials. We performed a data query of the [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov) registry for trials regarding COVID-19 on June 8, 2020 (Figure).<sup>3</sup> We identified trials with an upper age exclusion criterion. We also identified trials with reported results, and analyzed the age of included patients.

We identified 674 COVID-19 interventional trials; 206 trials

