

## Development of Methods to Evaluate the Pre-Diagnostic Breast Cancer Patient Trajectory Linking Existing Population-Level Databases

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# Objective

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- Developing and validating algorithm for identifying patient presentation through symptom or screening
- Understand the patterns diagnostic imaging utilization for breast cancer patients
- Feasibility of using physician billing data to assess these care patterns
- Assess the time from presentation to diagnosis

# Inclusion Criteria

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- Female patients diagnosed with first ever invasive breast cancer in Alberta, 2007-2010
- Residents in Alberta at diagnosis
- Histologic confirmation on breast cancer
- At least one diagnostic imaging one-year prior to breast cancer diagnose date



# Data Sources

## Alberta Cancer Registry

- Patient ID
- Demographics
- Tumor details
- Identify cohorts

## Alberta Breast Screening Program(2006-2010)

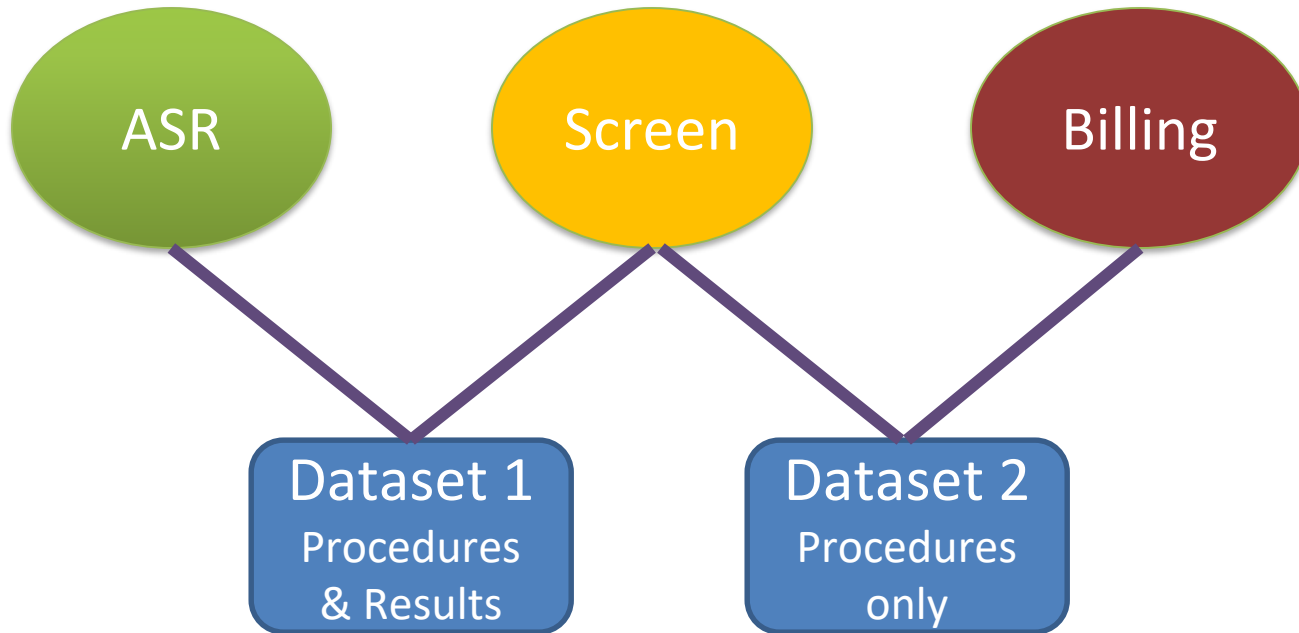
- Patient ID
- Dates/results of screening mammogram
- Dates/results of subsequent diagnostic imaging

## Alberta Society of Radiologists (ASR 2006-2010)

- Patient ID
- Dates/results of all screening and diagnostic mammogram, biopsies

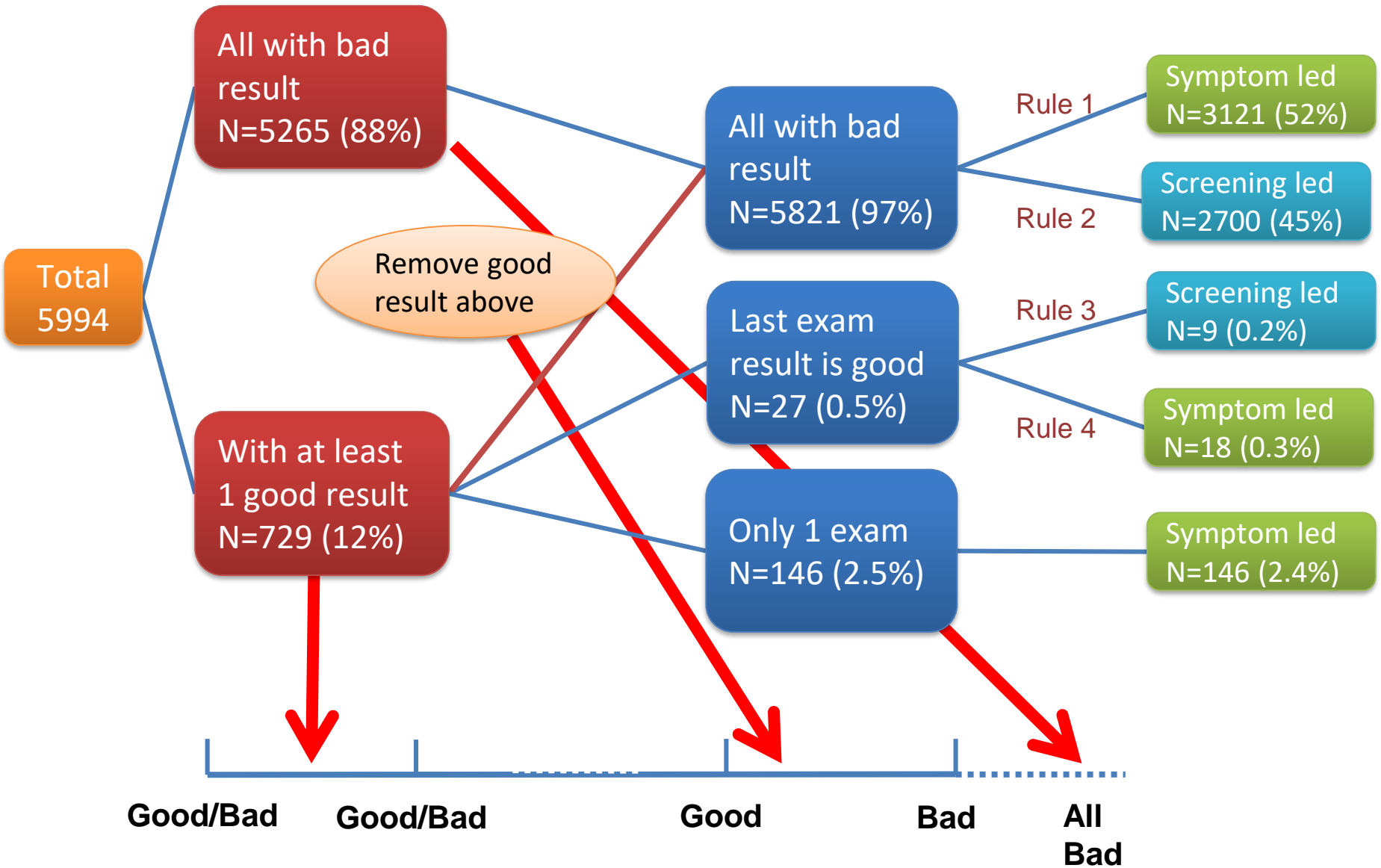
## Physician Claim Data (Billing)

- Patient ID
- Diagnosis procedures
- Anonymized physician ID
- Visit Date

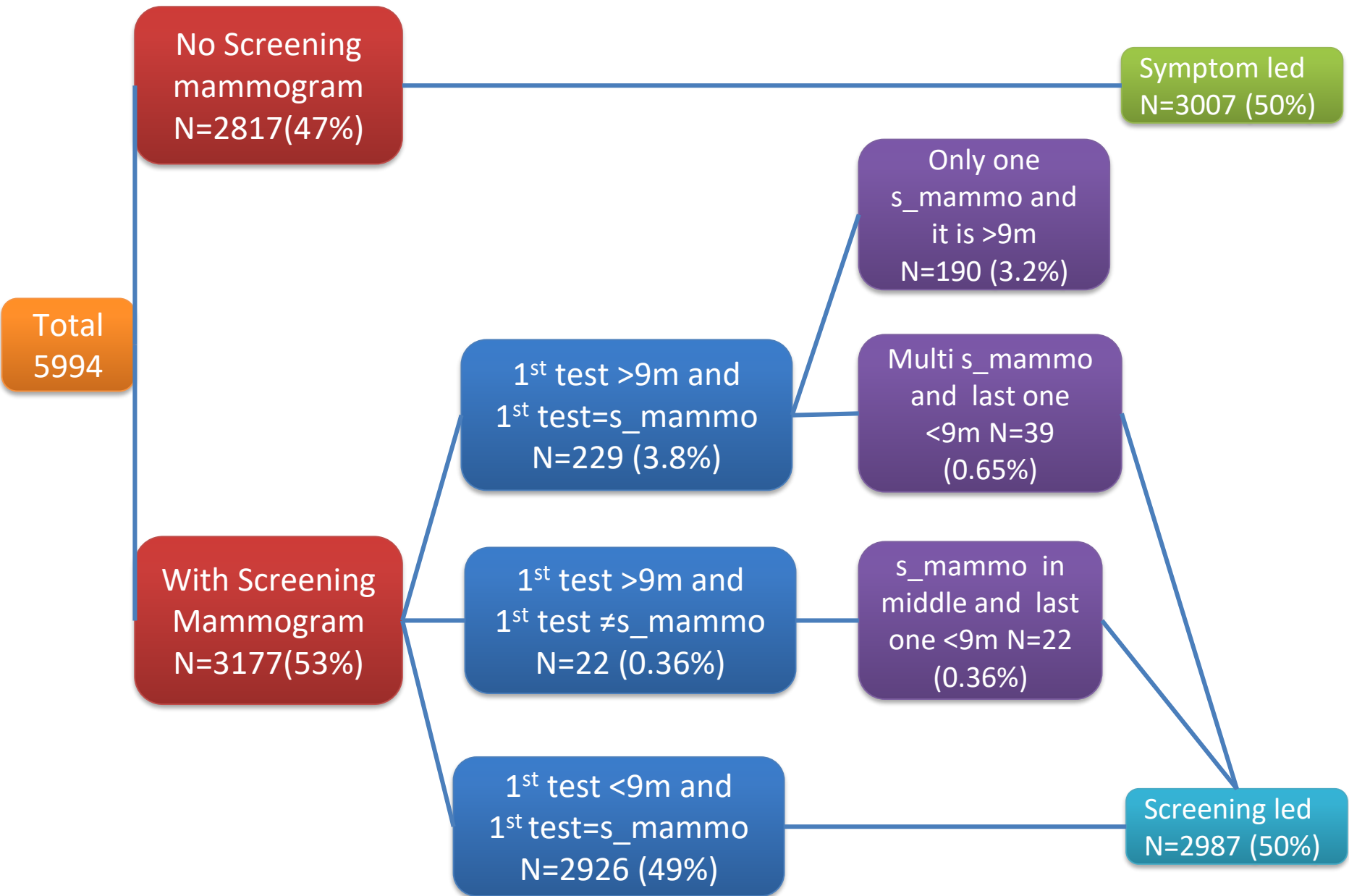


- Separate 1000 patients for testing purpose
- Remaining 5994 patients in the training data pool for algorithm development

# Algorithm flow chart for dataset I

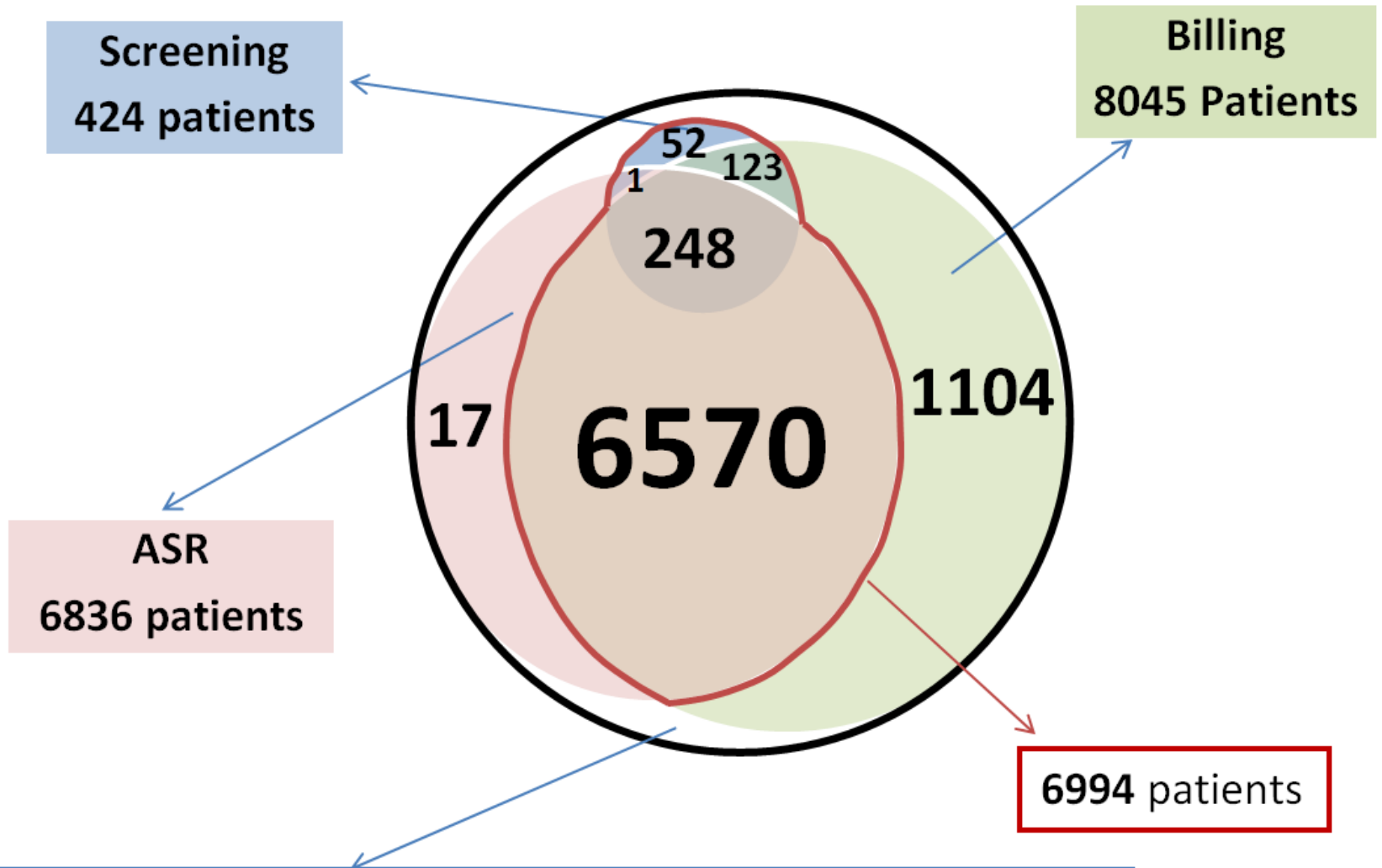


# Algorithm flow chart for dataset II





# Venn Diagram for datasets



264 patients could not be found in any of the three datasets  
8379 Patients in total

# Results

Screening Mammo < 9 months but had good results

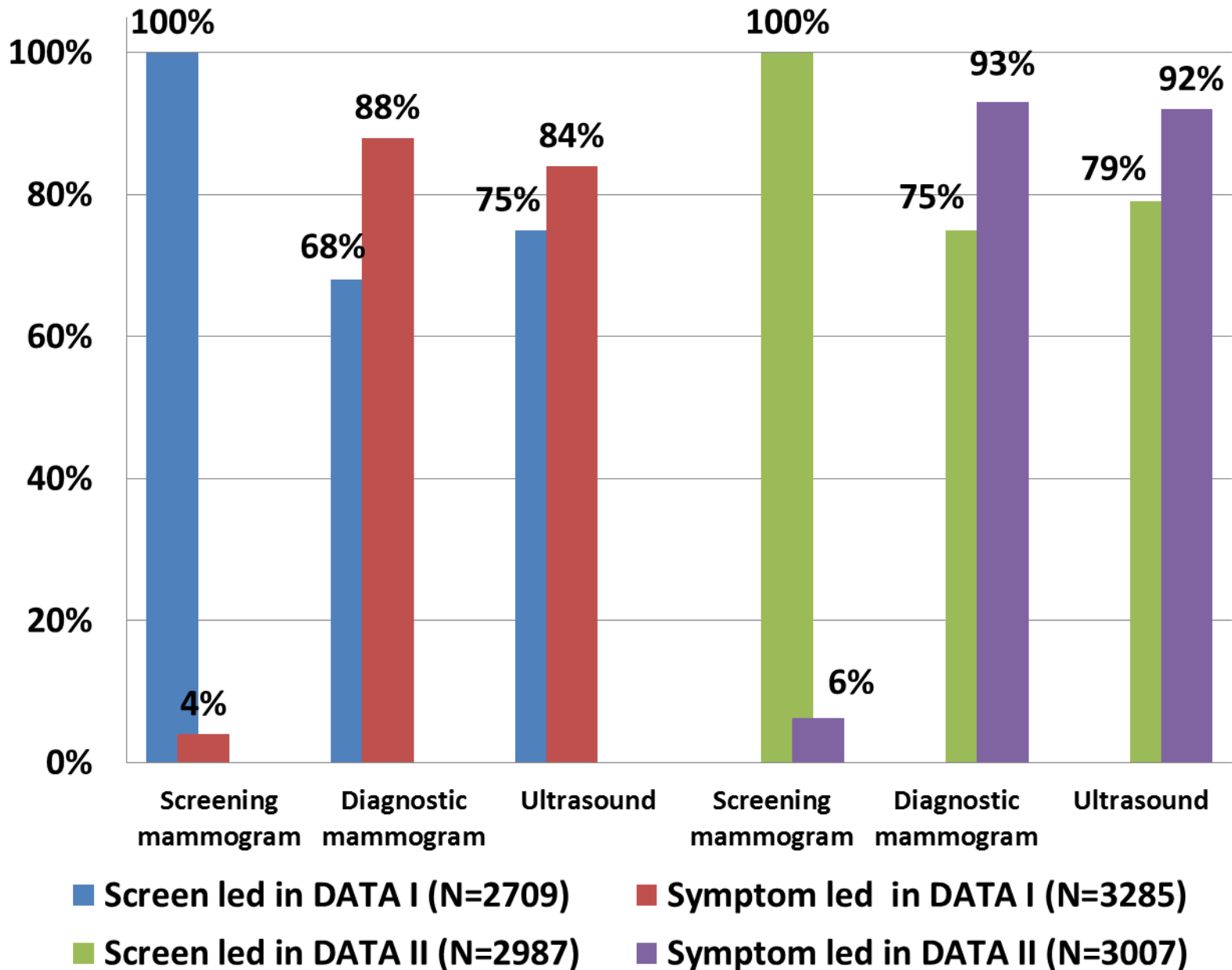
		ASR data & Screening data		
Billing data & Screening data		Screening led	Symptom led	Total
	Screening led	2591	396	2987
	Symptom led	118	2889	3007
	Total	2709	3285	5994

Concordance: 91%  
Dis-concordance: 9%

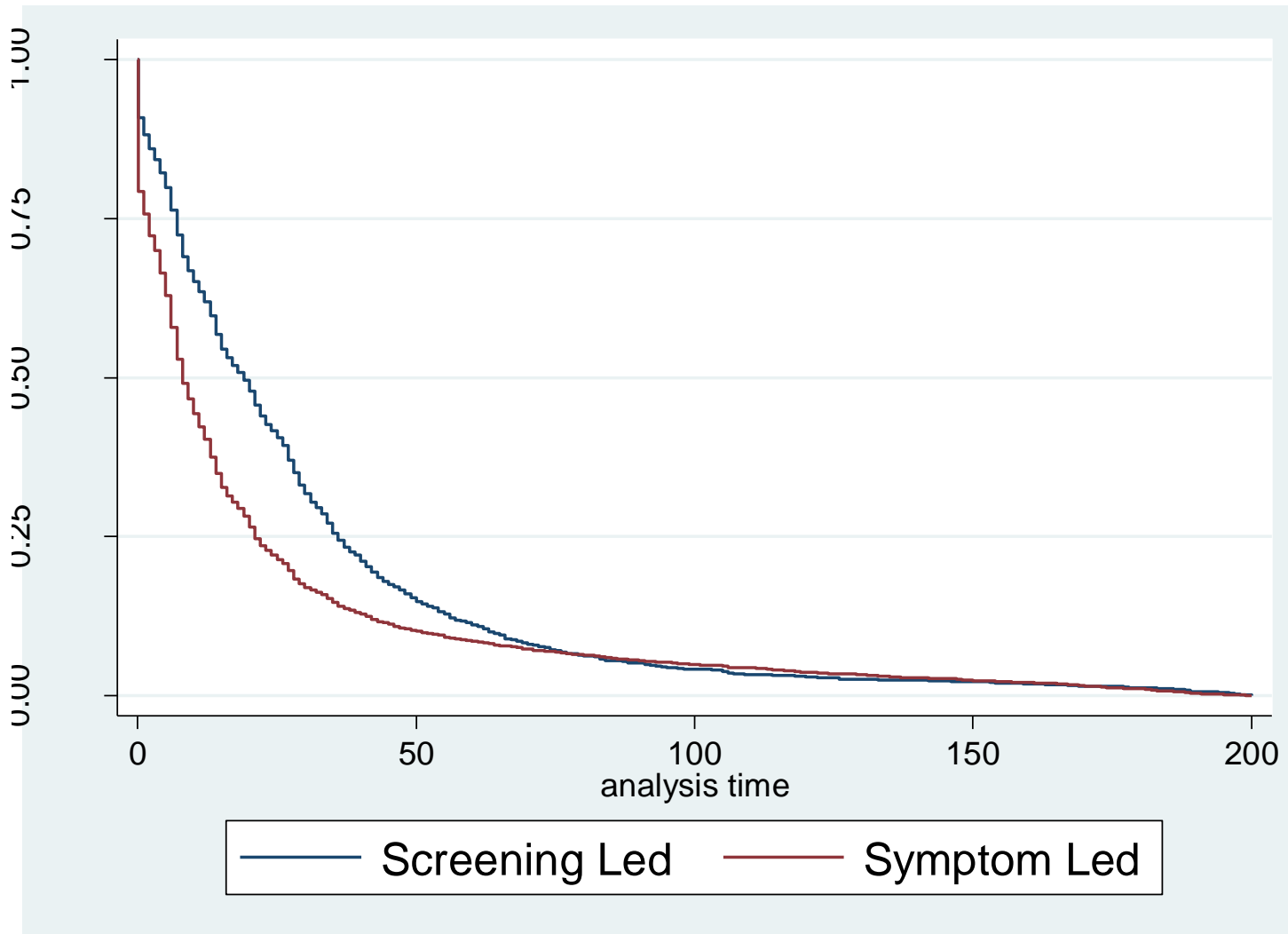
N=25, Scr. mammo > 9 months, but negative results

N=93, Showed up as diag. mammo, but screening led in ASR

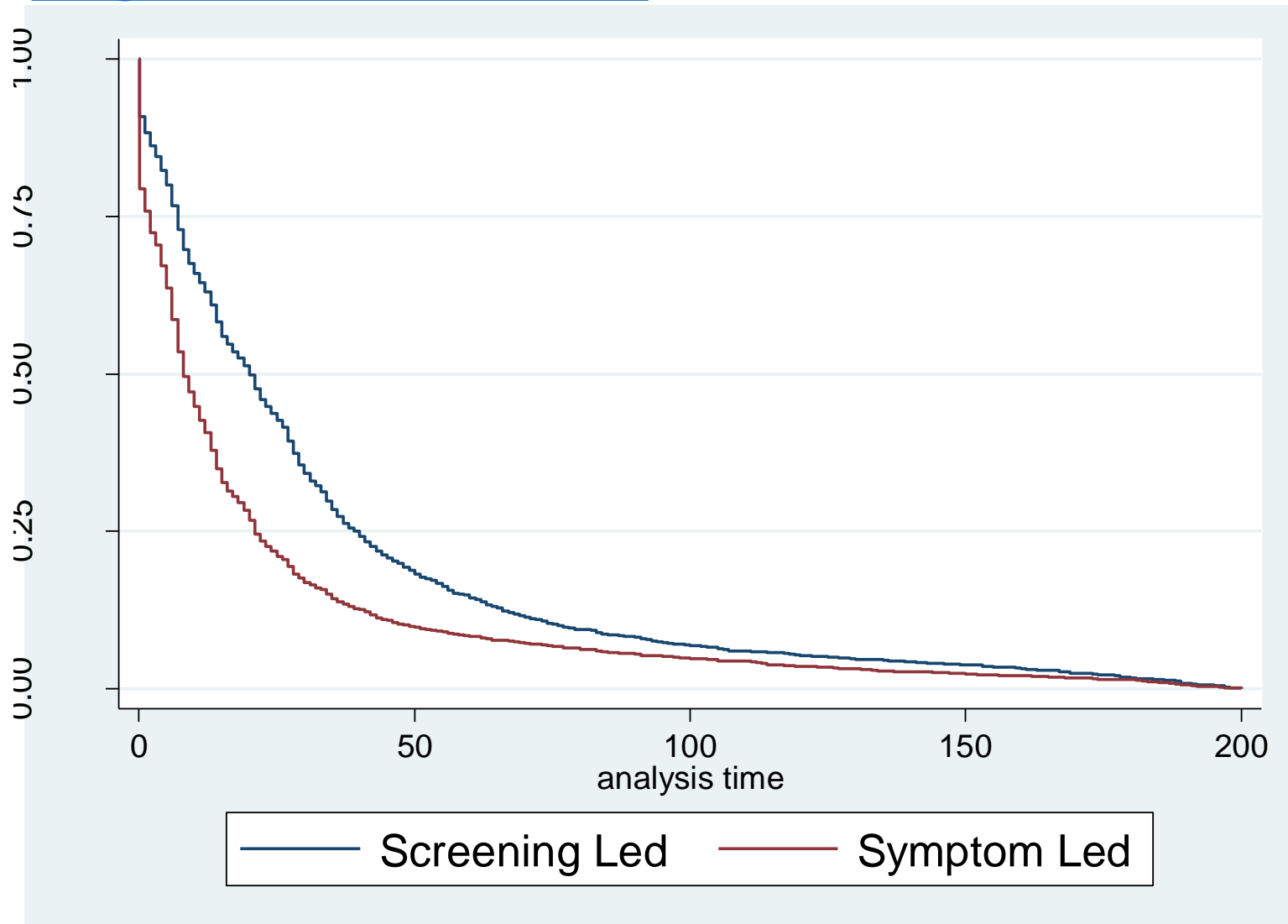
# Frequency of diagnostic imaging in dataset I & dataset II



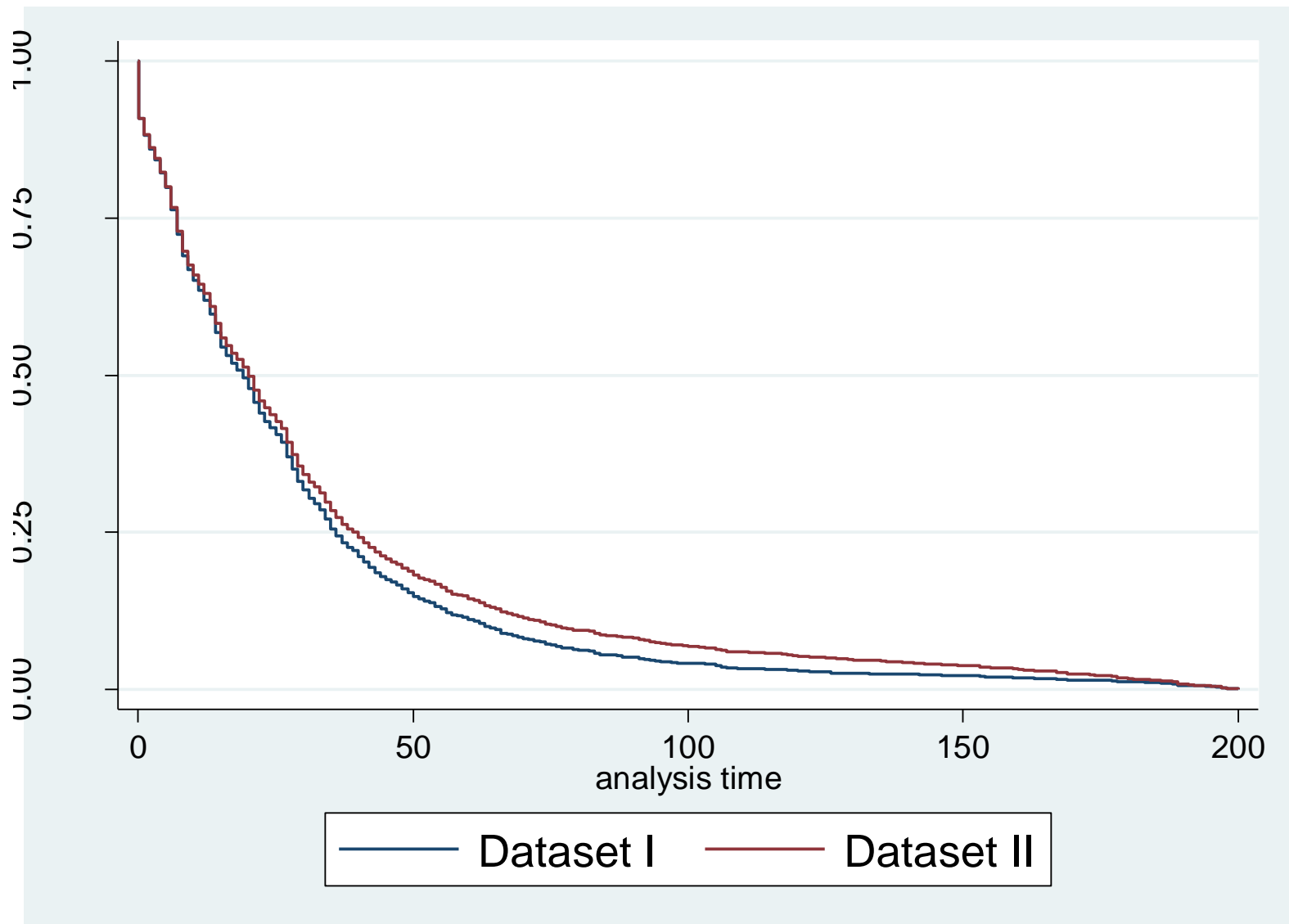
# Kaplan - Meier curve for time from first relevant test to diagnosis in dataset I \*\*



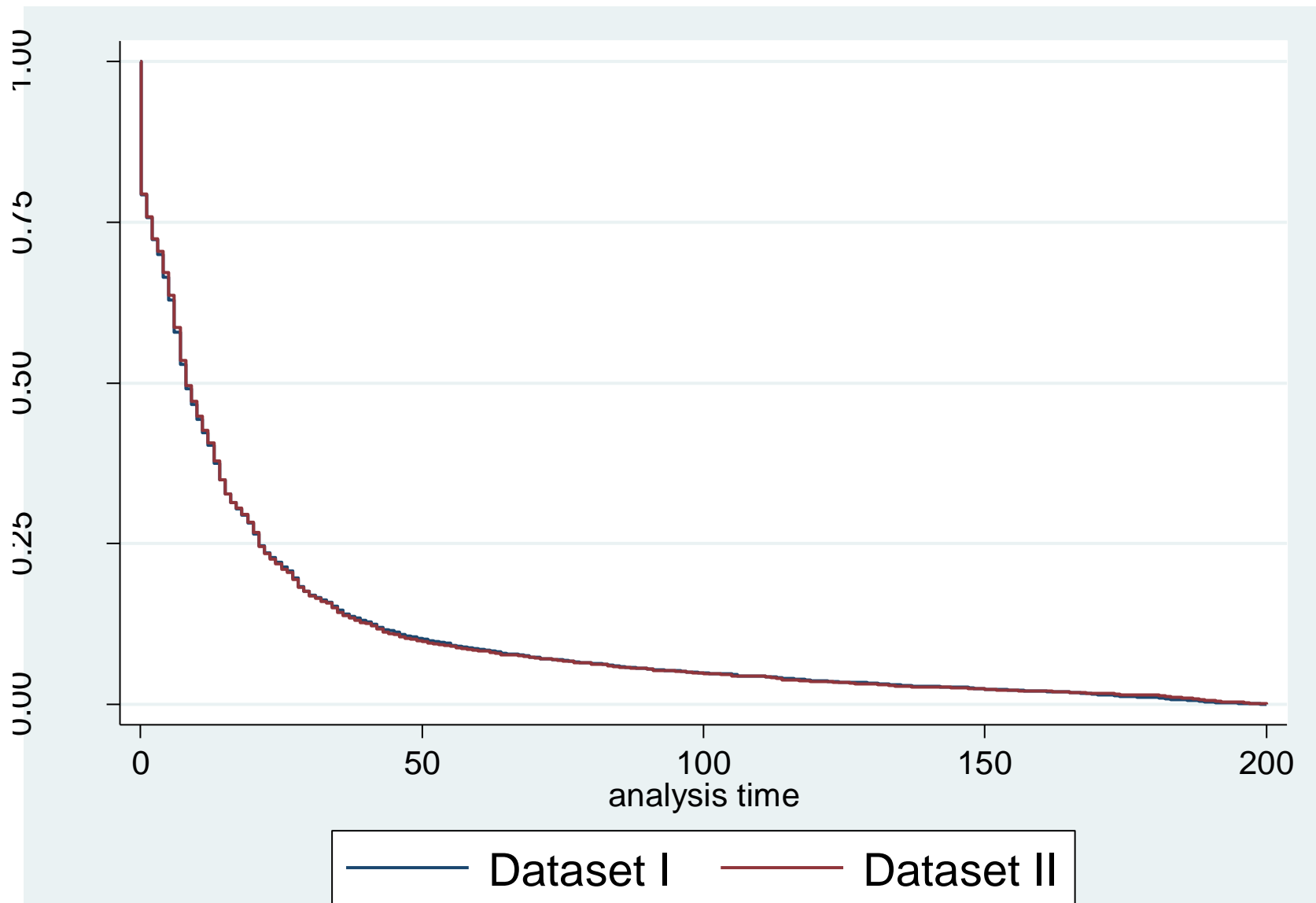
# Kaplan - Meier curve for time from first relevant test to diagnosis in dataset II \*\*



# Kaplan - Meier curve for time from first relevant test to diagnosis in dataset I & II : Screening Led patients only \*\*



# Kaplan - Meier curve for time from first relevant test to diagnosis in dataset I & II : Symptom Led patients only



# Discussion

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