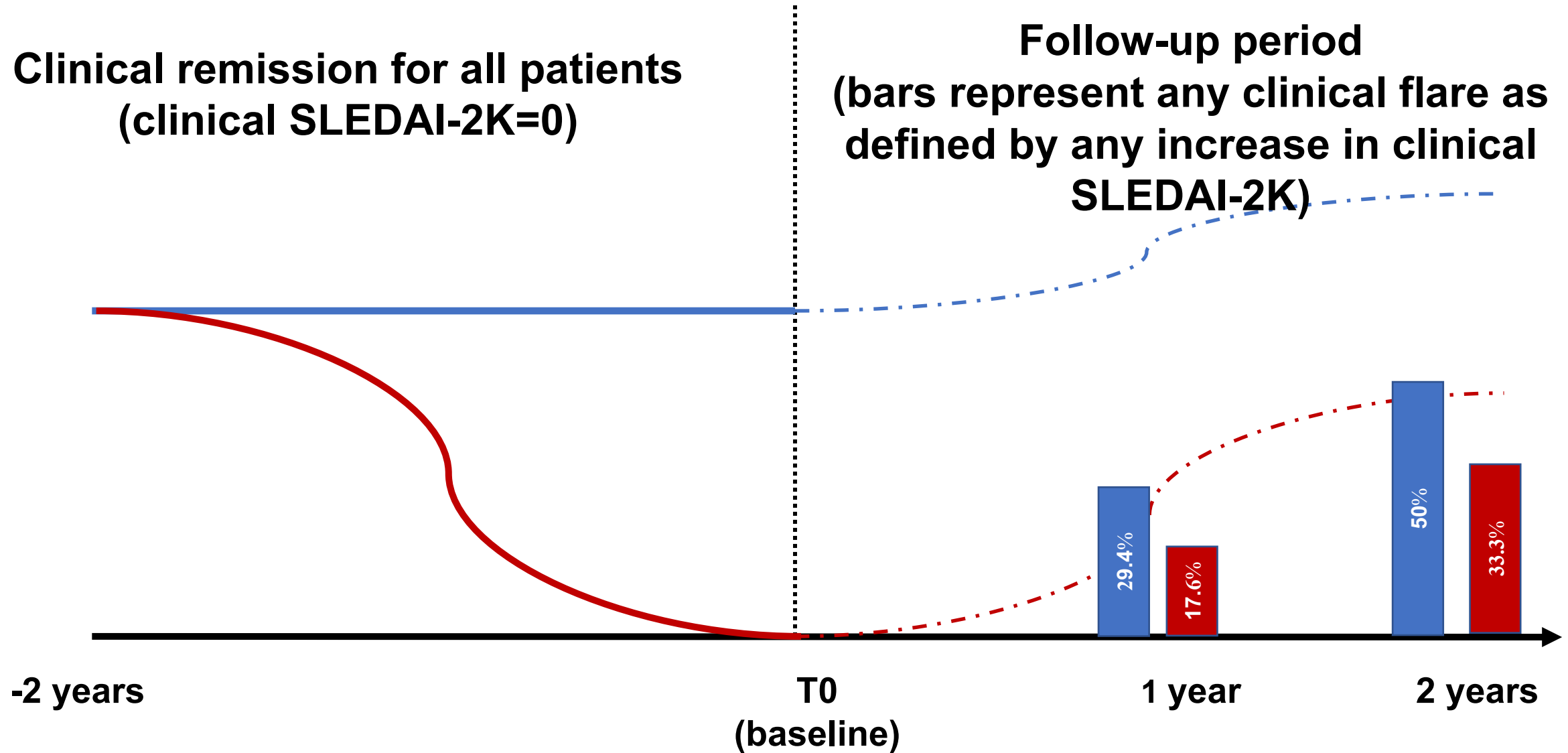


**Clinical remission for all patients
(clinical SLEDAI-2K=0)**

**Follow-up period
(bars represent any clinical flare as
defined by any increase in clinical
SLEDAI-2K)**



— Maintenance group (N=102)
— Withdrawal group (N=102)

* Solid lines represent the daily prednisone dose during the observation period
** Dashed lines represent the possible increase in prednisone dose since some patients flared