



# **FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (cclIV4) a Phase III Randomized Controlled Trial**

## **Immunogenicity & Safety Results in Young Children**

### **(6 through 47 months of age)**

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# BACKGROUND

- **Flucelvax<sup>®</sup> Quadrivalent is the only cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine (ccIV4) in the United States**
- **A cell based influenza vaccine avoids egg adaptation, thus potentially resulting in a closer match to the FDA-selected strains for each season<sup>1,2</sup>**
- **Flucelvax Quadrivalent is approved for use in persons 2 years of age and older in the United States**

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/cell-based.htm> (accessed March 15, 2021)

2. Rajaram S. et al. *Ther Adv Vaccines Immunother*. 2020 Feb 22; 8:2515135520908121

# STUDY OBJECTIVES (ccIIV4) IN CHILDREN 6 - 47 MONTHS

## Immunogenicity Objectives (8 endpoints measured)

- Geometric Mean Titer (GMT) ratio (IIV4/ccIIV4)/Vaccine Strain (4 endpoints)
  - Upper Bound of the 2 sided 95% Confidence Interval  $\leq 1.5$
- Seroconversion Rates (SCR) difference (IIV4-ccIIV4)/Vaccine Strain (4 endpoints)
  - Upper Bound of the 2 sided 95% CI does not exceed 10 percentage points

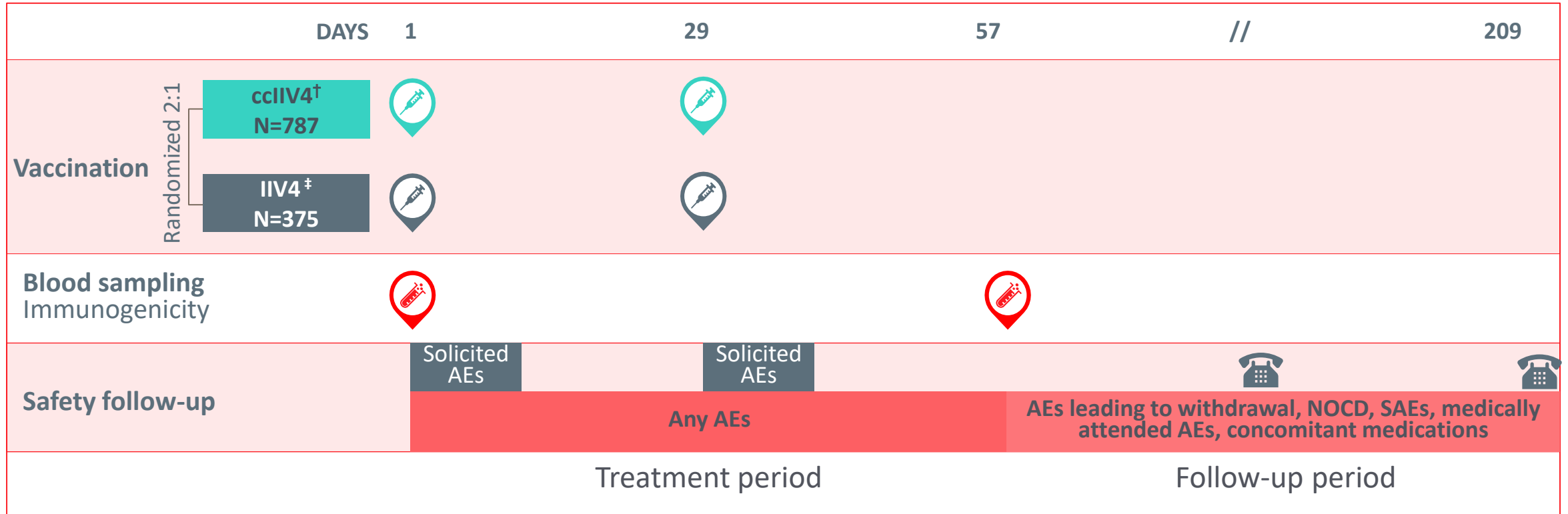
## Safety Objectives

- Safety and Tolerability

# STUDY DESIGN

- **Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Trial**
  - **ccIIV4 (Flucelvax Quadrivalent) versus a US-licensed IIV4 (Afluria Quadrivalent)**
  - **2019–2020 Northern Hemisphere Flu Season**
  - **47 centers in the United States**
  - **Immunogenicity assessed using hemagglutination inhibition assays for A/H1N1, B/Yamagata, and B/Victoria strains and microneutralization assay for A/H3N2 strain**
  - **Participants randomized 2:1 (ccIIV4:IIV4)**

# STUDY GROUP NOT PREVIOUSLY VACCINATED



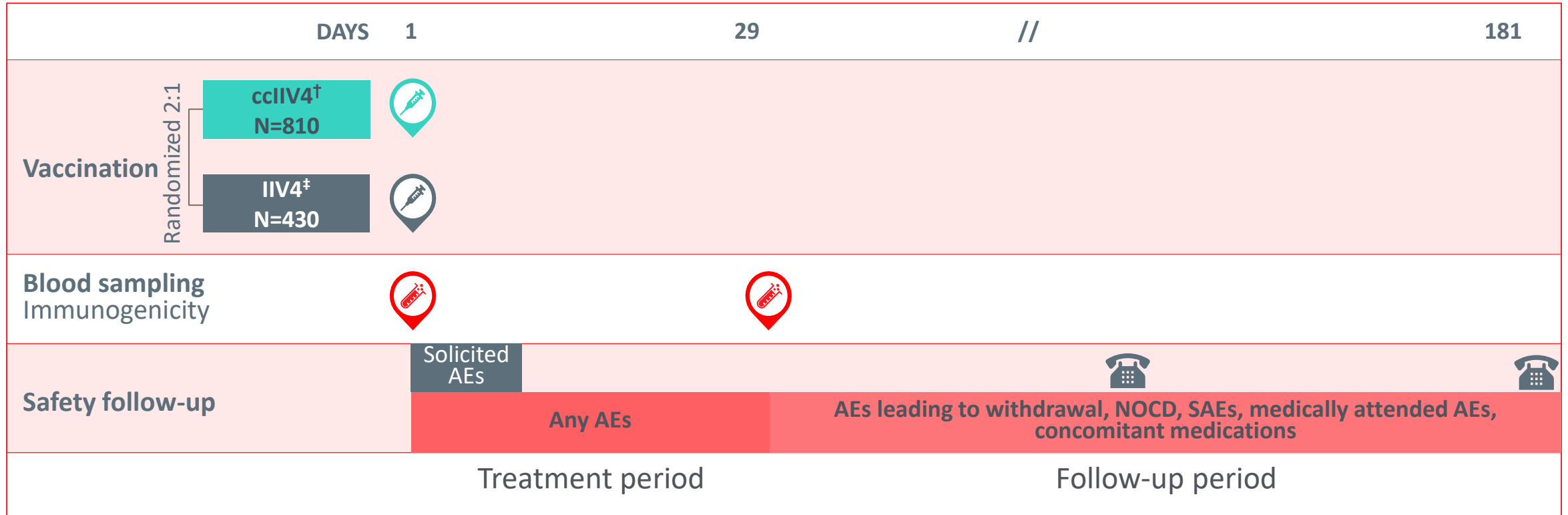
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# KEY INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA



## Inclusion

- Healthy children  $\geq 6$  to  $\leq 47$  months old
- Ability to comply with study procedures
- Informed consent/ assent provided<sup>†</sup>



## Exclusion

- Fever
- History of Hypersensitivity to any of the vaccine components
- History of Guillain–Barré syndrome/demyelinating diseases
- History of immunodeficiency or impaired immune function
- Received an influenza vaccination or documented influenza in the 6 months prior to informed consent
- Received blood products or immunoglobulins within 180 days prior to informed consent
- Received an investigational medical product within 30 days prior to informed consent

<sup>†</sup>By the parent/legal guardian



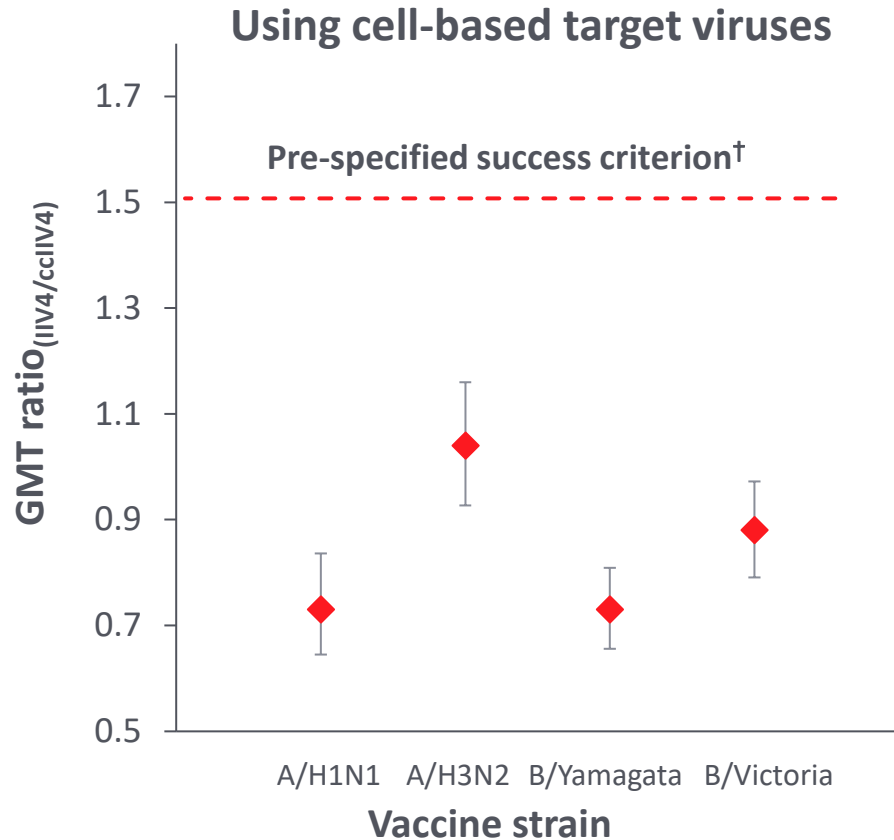
# DEMOGRAPHICS AND BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

		cclIV4 N=1597 (%)	IIV4 N=805 (%)	Total N=2402 (%)
<b>Age (months)</b>	<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>28.1 (11.5)</b>	<b>28.2 (11.6)</b>	<b>28.1 (11.7)</b>
<b>Age group</b>	<b>6 months thru 23 months</b>	<b>595 (37.3)</b>	<b>299 (37.1)</b>	<b>894 (37.2)</b>
	<b>24 months thru 47 months</b>	<b>1002 (62.7)</b>	<b>506 (62.9)</b>	<b>1508 (62.8)</b>
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>803 (50.3)</b>	<b>406 (50.4)</b>	<b>1209 (50.3)</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>794 (49.7)</b>	<b>399 (49.6)</b>	<b>1193 (49.7)</b>
<b>Race*</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>1039 (65.1)</b>	<b>539 (67.0)</b>	<b>1578 (65.7)</b>
	<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>455 (28.5)</b>	<b>209 (26.0)</b>	<b>664 (27.6)</b>
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>434 (27.2)</b>	<b>226 (28.1)</b>	<b>660 (27.5)</b>
	<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>1160 (72.6)</b>	<b>575 (71.4)</b>	<b>1735 (72.2)</b>
<b>Vaccination History</b>	<b>Not Previously Vaccinated</b>	<b>787 (49.3)</b>	<b>375 (46.6)</b>	<b>1162 (48.4)</b>
	<b>Previously Vaccinated</b>	<b>810 (50.7)</b>	<b>430 (53.4)</b>	<b>1240 (51.6)</b>

Abbreviations: IIV4 = quadrivalent influenza vaccine; cclIV4 = cell-based quadrivalent subunit influenza virus vaccine; SD = standard deviation; US = United States

\*Other groups represented at 1% or less: Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native; Race Group "Other" was 4.3%

# IMMUNOGENICITY RESULTS: GEOMETRIC MEAN TITER RATIOS



	GMT		GMT ratio
	cclIV4 (95% CI)	IIV4 (95% CI)	IIV4/cclIV4 (95% CI)
<b>A/H1N1</b>	78.0 (70.8, 86.0)	57.3 (50.8, 64.6)	0.73 (0.65, <b>0.84</b> )
<b>A/H3N2<sup>‡</sup></b>	23.1 (21.2, 25.1)	23.9 (21.6, 26.6)	1.04 (0.93, <b>1.16</b> )
<b>B/Yamagata</b>	35.6 (32.9, 38.6)	26.0 (23.5, 28.6)	0.73 (0.66, <b>0.81</b> )
<b>B/Victoria</b>	22.4 (20.7, 24.2)	19.6 (17.8, 21.6)	0.88 (0.79, <b>0.97</b> )

**Noninferiority criteria were met for all four strains**

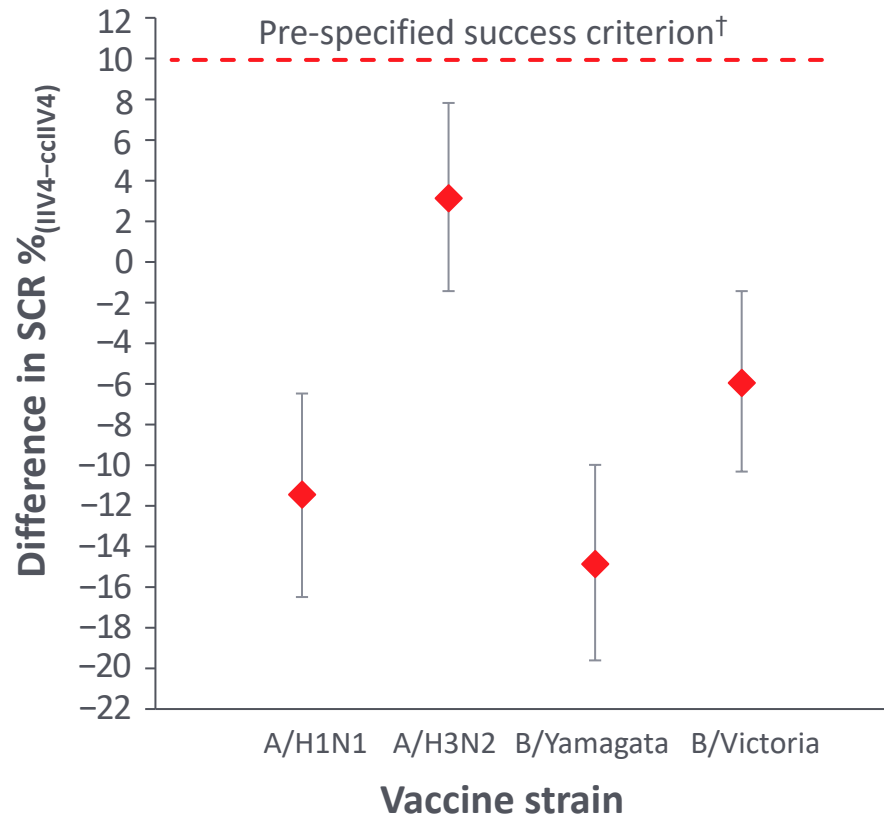
<sup>†</sup>The pre-specified success criterion was that the upper bound of the 2-sided 95% CI for GMT ratios did not exceed 1.5;

<sup>‡</sup>Using MN assay. CI, confidence interval; GMT, geometric mean titer; HAI, hemagglutination inhibition assay; MN, microneutralization assay;

PPS, per-protocol set; IIV4, egg-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine; cclIV4, cell-based quadrivalent influenza vaccine

# IMMUNOGENICITY RESULTS: SEROCONVERSION RATE DIFFERENCE

Using cell-based target viruses



	SCR		SCR difference
	cclIV4 % (95% CI)	IIV4 % (95% CI)	IIV4-cclIV4 % (95% CI)
<b>A/H1N1</b>	58.2 (55.3, 61.2)	46.8 (42.6, 51.0)	-11.46 (-16.44, <b>-6.42</b> )
<b>A/H3N2<sup>‡</sup></b>	27.6 (25.0, 30.4)	30.8 (27.0, 34.7)	3.13 (-1.44, <b>7.81</b> )
<b>B/Yamagata</b>	46.5 (43.5, 49.5)	31.7 (27.9, 35.6)	-14.87 (-19.61, <b>-9.98</b> )
<b>B/Victoria</b>	30.3 (27.6, 33.1)	24.4 (20.9, 28.1)	-5.96 (-10.33, <b>-1.44</b> )

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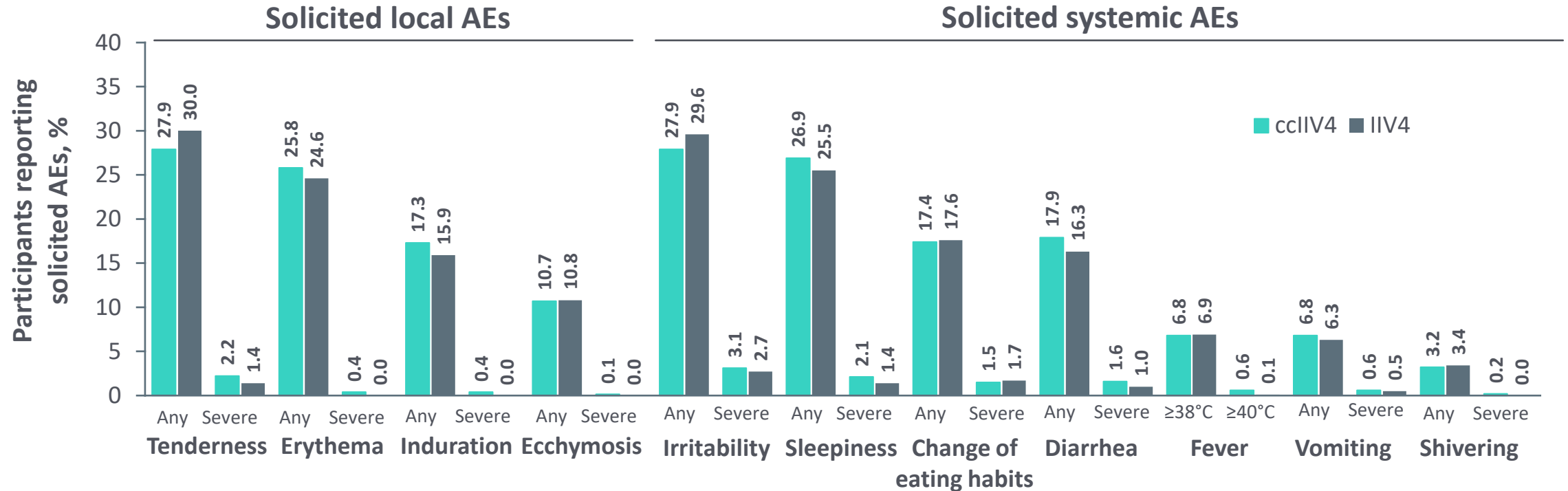
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# SAFETY AND TOLERABILITY SUMMARY

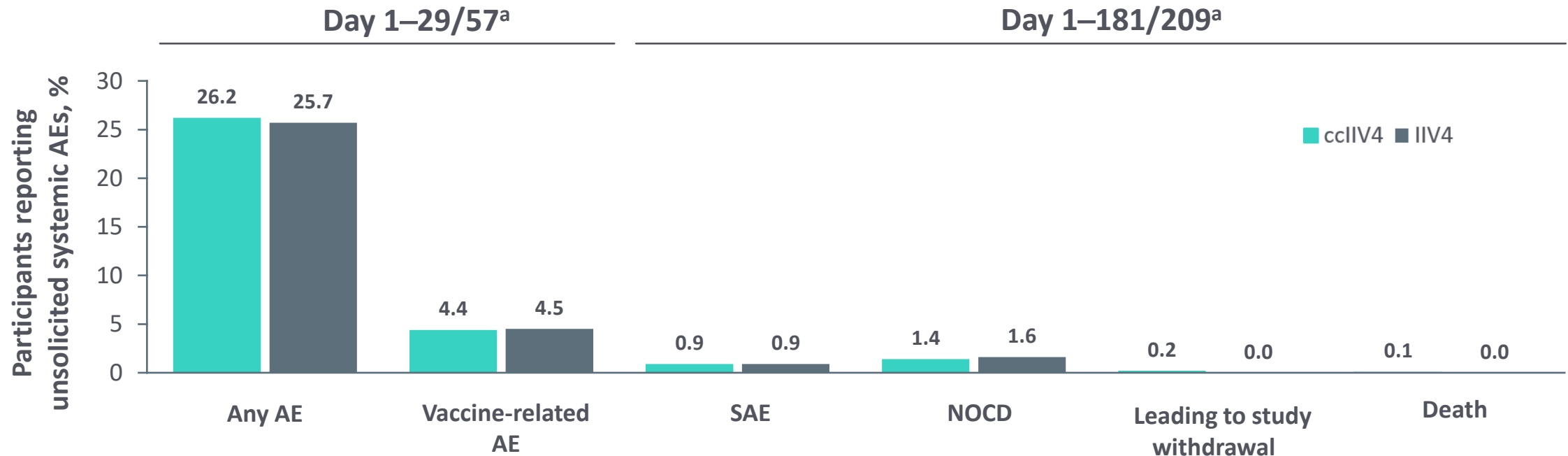
## SOLICITED LOCAL AND SYSTEMIC ADVERSE EVENTS



- Erythema and tenderness were the most common solicited local AEs
- Sleepiness and irritability were the most common solicited systemic AEs
- Most AEs were mild or moderate in severity
- Safety and tolerability were similar between the two vaccine groups

# SAFETY AND TOLERABILITY SUMMARY

## UNSOLICITED ADVERSE EVENTS



- Similar proportions of participants in the cclIV4 and IIV4 groups reported at least one unsolicited AE
- Adverse events leading to withdrawal were reported by three participants in the cclIV4 group

<sup>a</sup>Day 57 and Day 209 in participants not previously vaccinated

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# **FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (ccIIV4) Phase III Immunogenicity & Safety in 6 through 47 months**

- **SUMMARY**

- **ccIIV4 met all of the predefined non-inferiority criteria for immunogenicity as compared to IIV4**
- **Immunogenicity data consistent against all four strains**
- **ccIIV4 was well tolerated, with similar rates of solicited and unsolicited adverse events between the two vaccination groups, consistent with previously reported data in older children**