



# Afluria<sup>®</sup> Update

## Comprehensive Investigation and Path Forward

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# Outline of Presentation

- Review Comprehensive Investigation on 2010 Adverse Events in Southern Hemisphere
  - CSL 2010 SH Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (TIV)
    - purified, inactivated, split virion influenza vaccine
- Staged Clinical Development Program for Afluria
  - Peds 5 yrs to <9yrs modified TIV Safety Ph IV
  - Adult  $\geq 18$  yrs QIV Immunogenicity & Safety Ph III
  - Peds 5 yrs to <18 yrs QIV Immunogenicity & Safety Ph III
  - Peds 6m to 59m QIV Immunogenicity & Safety Ph III

# Afluria®:

- Purified, inactivated, split virion influenza vaccine
- Manufactured at Parkville, Australia for >40 years
- Vaccine formulations:
  - thimerosal-free 0.5mL pre-filled syringe
  - thimerosal-containing 5mL multi-dose vial
- US Licensure:
  - ≥18 years TIV: FDA approval in Nov 2007
  - 5 years to <18 years TIV: indication extended Dec 2011
  - ≥18 years QIV: FDA approval in Aug 2016
    - 5 years to <18 years QIV: sBLA submitted to FDA

# 2010 Adverse Events in Southern Hemisphere

## CSL 2010 SH TIV

- Increased reports of fever and febrile seizures, mainly in children aged <5 years compared to previous seasons
  - Occurring 4 to 24 hours after receiving CSL 2010 SH TIV
- Increased reports of fever also seen in children aged 5 yrs to <9 yrs

### US Prescribing information

AFLURIA is not approved for use in children less than 5 years of age because of increased rates of fever and febrile seizures

### ACIP Recommendation (extract)

Other age-appropriate, licensed seasonal influenza vaccine formulation should be used in children aged 6 months through 8 years.

If no other option is available for a child aged 5-8 years who has a medical condition that increases the risk for influenza complications, Afluria can be used; however, benefits and risks should be discussed with parents or caregivers

# Systematic and Comprehensive Investigation

## Three Discrete Programs

### 1. Clinical Safety Review

- Characterize the adverse events
- Identify risk factors and at-risk populations

### 2. Manufacturing & Quality Review

- Assessment of Safety and Manufacturing processes
- Assessment of Quality (Purity and Potency)

### 3. Scientific Research Investigation

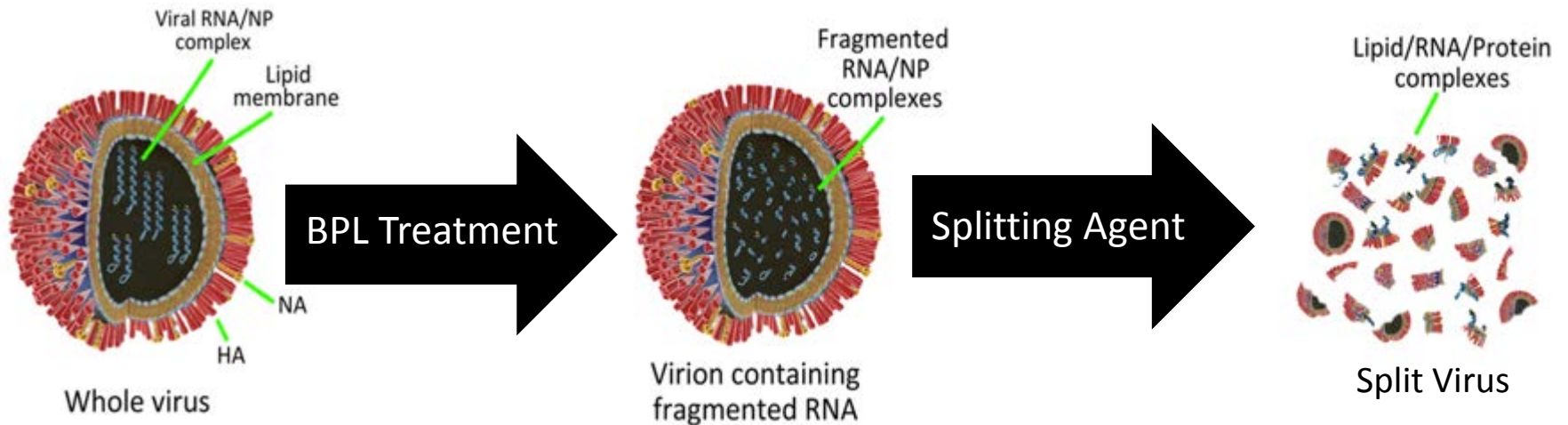
- Explore potential indirect surrogate measures  
– *in vivo* and *in vitro* tests
- Identify differences between manufacturers' Flu vaccines

# 1. Clinical Safety Review

## Unexpected Increase in Fever & Febrile Seizures in Southern Hemisphere in 2010

- Adverse Events (AE) occurred in Pediatric age ranges
  - The safety signal of fever and febrile seizures were highest in children younger than 5 years old
    - » Febrile seizures typically occur in children between the ages of 6 months and up to 6 years due to the stage of hypothalamic development in young children
- Increased fever reports was also seen 5 years to <9 year olds
  - Due to the age-related nature of febrile seizures, no evidence was found in children >5 years of age with regard to febrile seizures following vaccination with the CSL 2010 SH TIV

## 2. Review of Manufacturing Process



**$\beta$ -Propriolactone (BPL)**

**Sodium Tauro Deoxycholate (TDOC)**

## 2. Manufacturing & Quality Review

Detailed review of all manufacturing aspects

Starting at Seed---all the way to---Fill & Finish

-including raw materials and processes;

- No deviation or change from previous seasonal formulation
- All batches met specification
  - No evidence of batch specific issues
- Laboratory testing
  - Ruled out chemical contamination
  - Ruled out bacterial contamination
  - Ruled out viral contamination
- No evidence of agglomeration as a contributing factor



## 2. Manufacturing & Quality Review

WHO recommended 3 new virus strains for inclusion in the 2010 influenza vaccines for the Southern Hemisphere (SH)

– Complete strain change between 2009 and 2010

– TIV 2009 SH

- *A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1) – Like*
- *A/Uruguay/716/2007 (H3N2) – Like*
- *B/Florida/4/2006 – Like*

– TIV 2010 SH

- *A/California/7/2009 (H1N1) – Like*
- *A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2) – Like*
- *B/Brisbane/60/2008 – Like*

### 3. Scientific Research Investigation

- *In vivo* models

- No suitable *in vivo* animal model for febrile seizures
  - none of the TIVs tested, including the CSL 2010 SH TIV, induced symptoms consistent with febrile seizures in any of the *in vivo* models examined

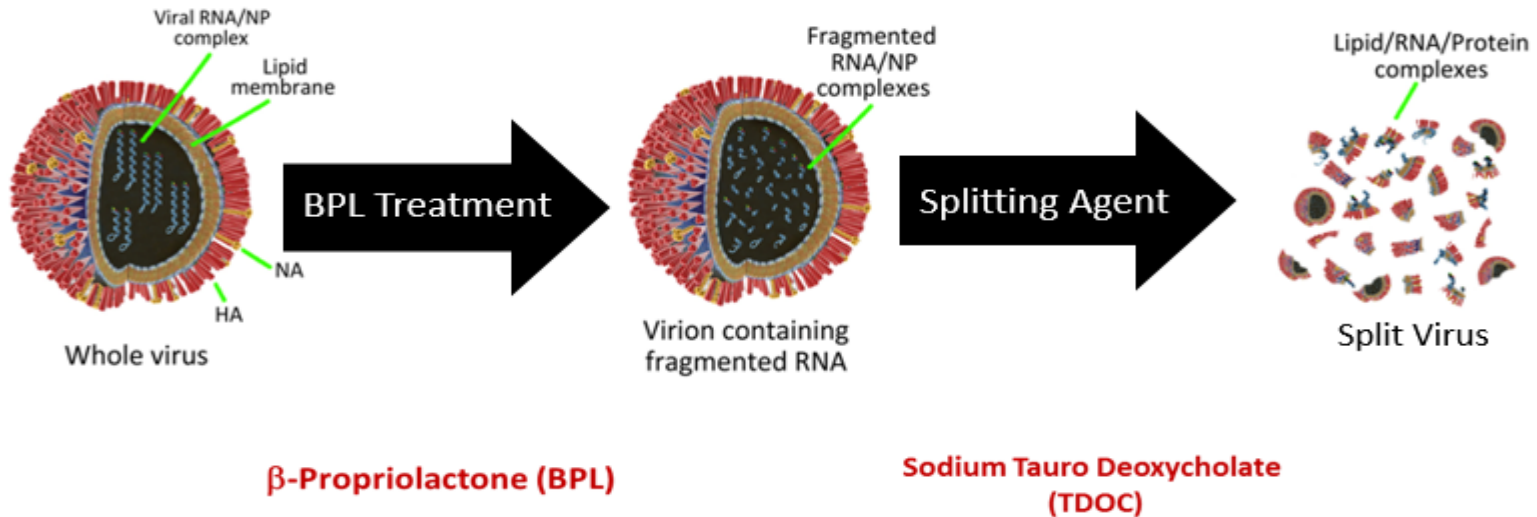
- *In vitro* models

- Published literature suggested that increased cytokine levels were observed after febrile seizures
- Thus cytokine/chemokine models were explored as correlates of *in vivo* pyrogenicity
- Mapping these cytokines/chemokines *in vitro* may act as an indirect surrogate measure of the reactogenic potential of the TIVs

# 3. Scientific Research Investigation

- *In vitro* models
  - CSL 2010 SH TIV stimulated the release of cytokines and chemokines in whole blood assays more robustly than previous CSL TIVs or other manufacturers' TIVs
- The difference between the CSL 2010 SH TIV and other TIVs suggested that the manufacturing process may have played a role
- The difference between the CSL 2010 SH TIV and previous CSL TIVs suggested that the new influenza strains may have played a role

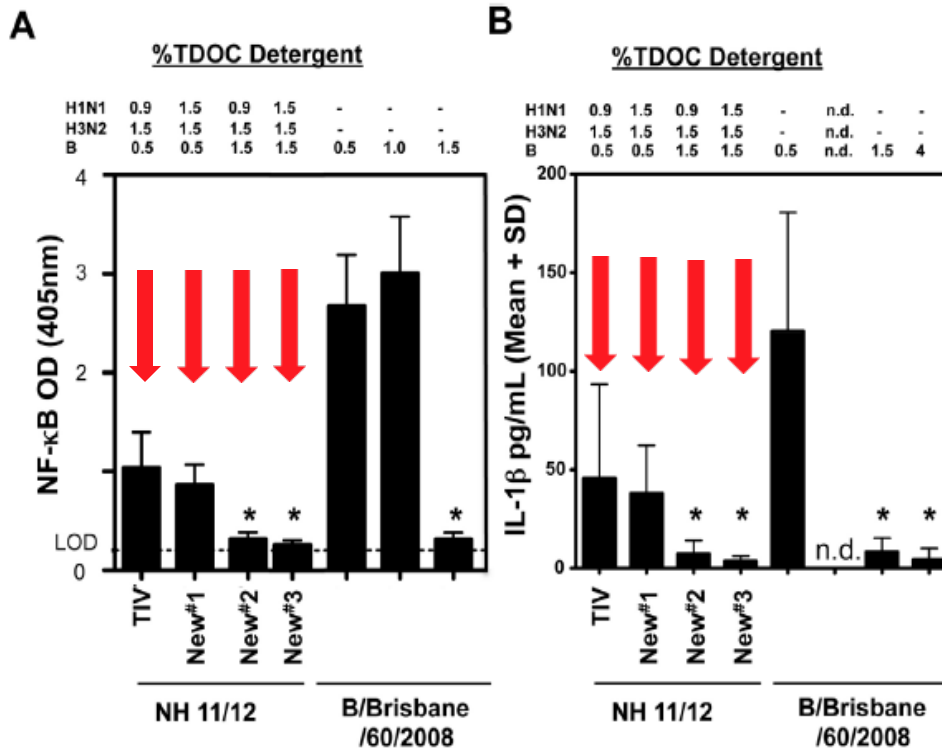
# Manufacturing Process



- CSL manufacturing process resulted in more residual lipid and RNA components with the CSL 2010 SH TIV than other licensed flu vaccines
- Lab studies failed to demonstrate an inflammatory signal with RNA alone in the *in vitro* assays
- Further studies showed the lipid-mediated delivery of fragmented viral RNA induced a stronger than expected signal
- These findings suggested that the residual lipid content inversely correlated with the concentration of TDOC

# Effect of Varying TDOC levels on Cytokine Signaling

	%TDOC H1N1 A/California/07/2009		%TDOC H3N2 A/Victoria/210/2009		%TDOC B B/Brisbane/60/2008	
Std TIV	0.9%		1.5%		0.5%	
New #1	1.5%	↑	1.5%	↔	0.5%	↔
New #2	0.9%	↔	1.5%	↔	1.5%	↑
New #3	1.5%	↑	1.5%	↔	1.5%	↑



Increasing TDOC for both H1N1 /California/07/2009 and B/Brisbane/60/2008 resulted in the greatest attenuation of the inflammatory signal

# Summary of Comprehensive Scientific Investigation

- *In vitro* models demonstrated that lipids and degraded RNA fragments “preserved by the standard TDOC manufacturing process” as well as the 3 new strains were the contributing factors of the CSL 2010 SH TIV pediatric AE profile
- The investigation demonstrated that increasing levels of TDOC attenuated the pro-inflammatory signals *in vitro*
- These conclusions led to the staged approach to a new Clinical Development Program for Afluria

# Afluria Staged Clinical Development Plan

2013

**TIV TDOC Study  
(18 yrs to 60 yrs)  
CSL-TIV; n= 120  
Ph 4\*  
Immunogenicity**

2014-15

**TIV Pediatric (5 yrs to <9 yrs)  
CSL-TIV: QIV comparator; 3:1; n= 402  
Ph 4, RCT\*  
Safety**

**QIV Adult (≥18 yrs)  
QIV: CSL-TIV-1: CSL-TIV-2;  
2:1:1; n= 3484  
Ph 3, RCT\*  
Immunogenicity and Safety**

2015-16

**QIV Pediatric (5 yrs to <18 yrs)  
QIV: QIV comparator; 3:1; n= 2278  
Ph 3, RCT\*\*  
Immunogenicity and Safety**

2016-17

**QIV Pediatric (6 mths to 59 mths)  
QIV: QIV comparator; 3:1, n= 2222  
Ph 3, RCT\*\*  
Immunogenicity and Safety**

\* = 1.5% TDOC splitting B strain

\*\* = 1.5% TDOC splitting all strains :  
within registered conditions

RCT = randomised controlled trial

# Pediatric Phase 4 Safety Study 5 years to <9 years Modified\* Trivalent Influenza Vaccine

- Exploratory study to examine febrile events
  - Phase IV trial with B strain split at 1.5% TDOC
  - Subjects (n= 402) (5 years to <9 years) in 2014/15 NH influenza season to evaluate safety and tolerability
  - Results to Inform QIV Pediatric clinical development program
  - Results to use as an indirect comparison with historical data and comparator QIV

\*within registered conditions

H3N2 at 1.5% TDOC and H1N1 at 0.9% TDOC

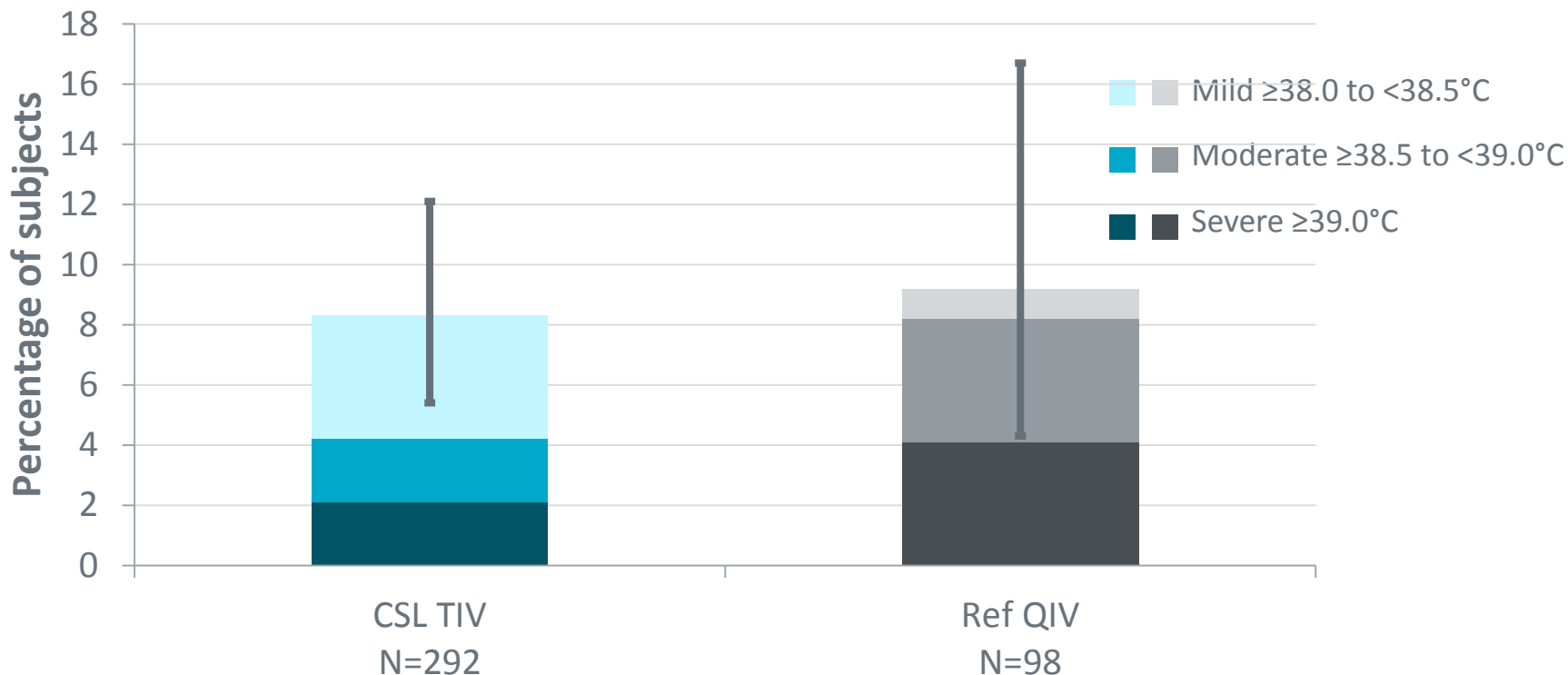


# Phase 4 Study: Modified TIV

## Fever rates post vaccination in children aged 5 years to <9 years

Previous TIV: B strain split at 0.6% TDOC, H3N2 at 1.5% TDOC, H1N1 at 0.9% TDOC

Study TIV: **B strain split at 1.5% TDOC**, H3N2 at 1.5% TDOC and H1N1 at 0.9% TDOC (within registered conditions)

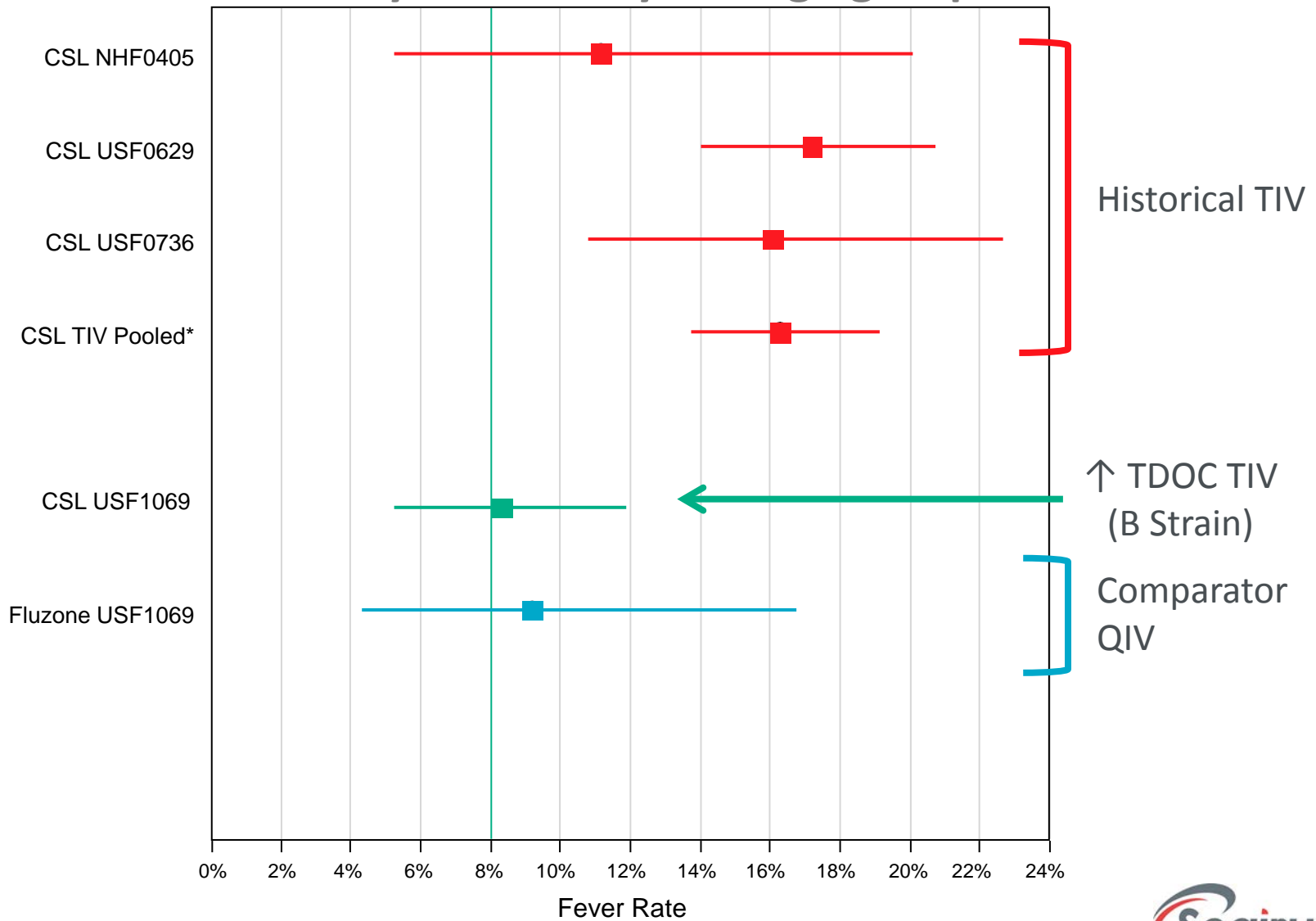


- **CSL TIV fever rate similar to Reference QIV**

- CSL TIV: **8.2%** (95% CI: 5.3, 12.0), Reference QIV: **9.2%** (95% CI: 4.3, 16.7)

# Comparison with Historical Fever Rates

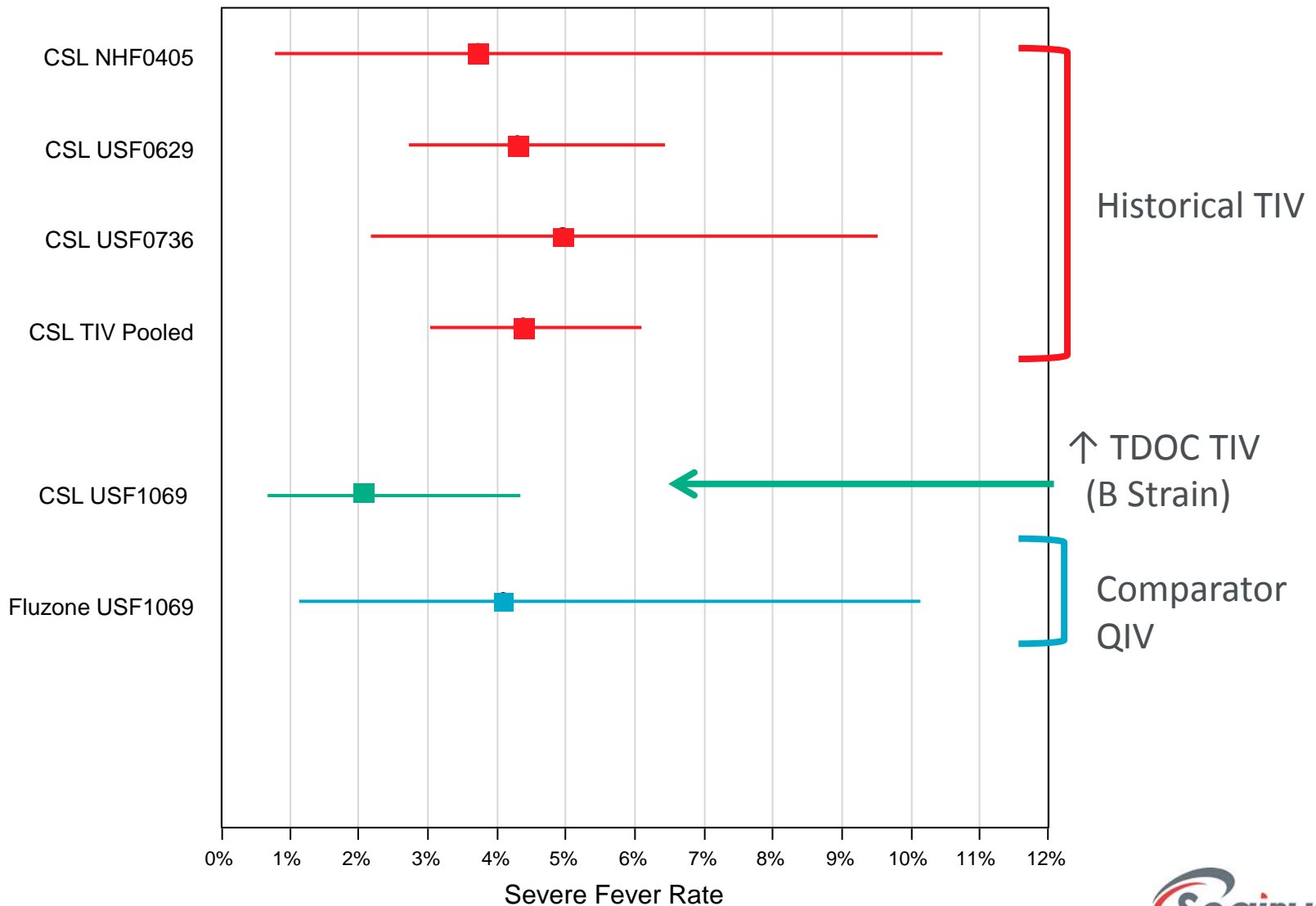
## 5 years to <9 years age group



\*Pooled estimate includes studies CSLCT-NHF-04-05, CSLCT-USF-10-69, and CSLCT-USF-07-36  
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# Comparison with Historical Severe Fever Rates

## 5 years to <9 years age group



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Severe fever intensity  $\geq 39.0^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Conclusions: Modified TIV Study and next steps

CSL TIV fever rates observed in the study were similar to comparator QIV vaccine in children 5 yrs to <9 yrs

- Afluria QIV clinical development program incorporated the increased TDOC concentration for splitting all strains
- Staged approach for QIV program:
  - Phase III Study  $\geq 18$  years (FDA Approved)
  - Phase III Study 5 years to <18 years (Submitted)
  - Phase III Study 6 months to 59 months (Ongoing)

Phase III Trials are Immunogenicity and Safety

# Afluria Peds QIV: Key Immunogenicity Findings

## 5 years to <18 years

All 8 co-primary endpoints met

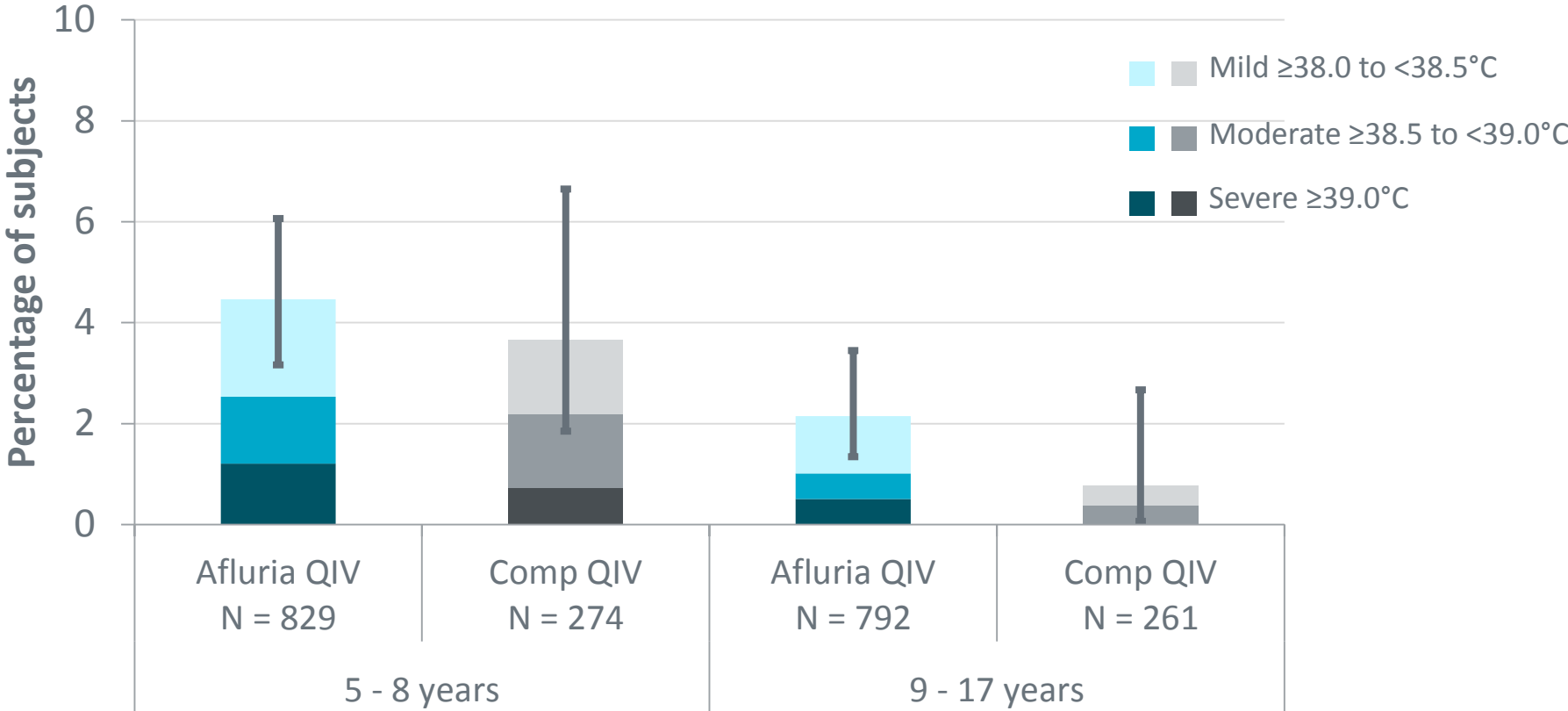
- Afluria QIV demonstrated non-inferior immunogenicity for all strains to the comparator QIV (Fluarix QIV) in children 5 years to <18 years of age
- Descriptive secondary immunogenicity endpoints overall, and by age subgroups (5 yrs to <9 yrs, and 9 yrs to <18 yrs inclusive) were robust and consistent with expectations for these age groups, and similar with the comparator QIV

# Afluria QIV 5 yrs to <18 yrs: Fever rates following vaccination

Previous TIV: B strain split at 0.6% TDOC, H3N2 at 1.5% TDOC, H1N1 at 0.9% TDOC

Study 10-69 TIV: B strain split at 1.5% TDOC, H3N2 at 1.5% TDOC and H1N1 at 0.9% TDOC

**QIV 13-02 with all strains split at 1.5% TDOC (within registered conditions)**



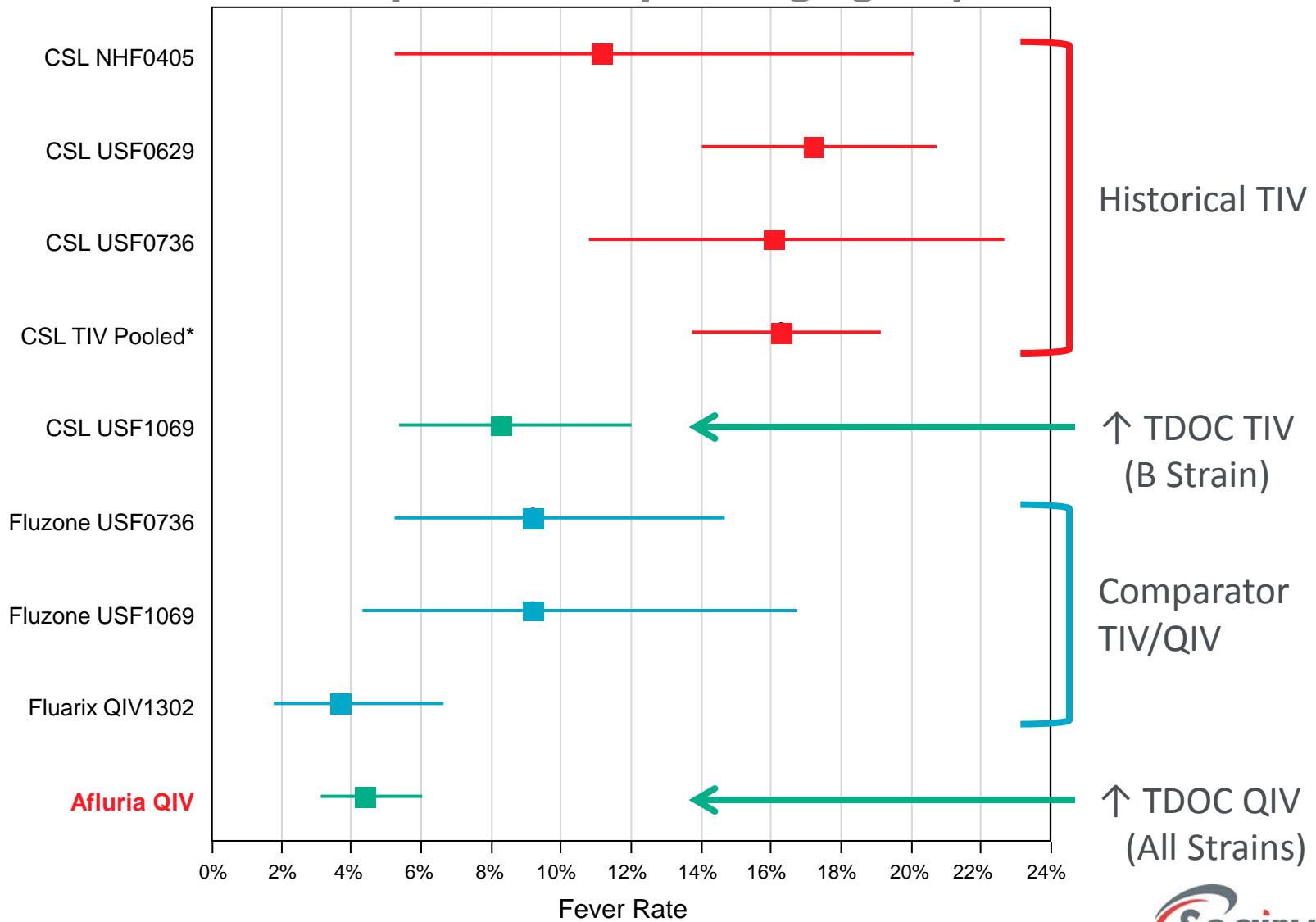
**Afluria QIV fever rate similar to comparator QIV in both age groups**

- 5 yrs to <9 yrs : **4.5%** (95% CI: 3.2, 6.1) vs **3.6%** (95% CI: 1.8, 6.6)
- 9 yrs to <18 yrs: **2.1%** (95% CI: 1.3, 3.4) vs **0.8%** (95% CI: 0.1, 2.7)



# Comparison with Historical Fever Rates

## 5 years to <9 years age group

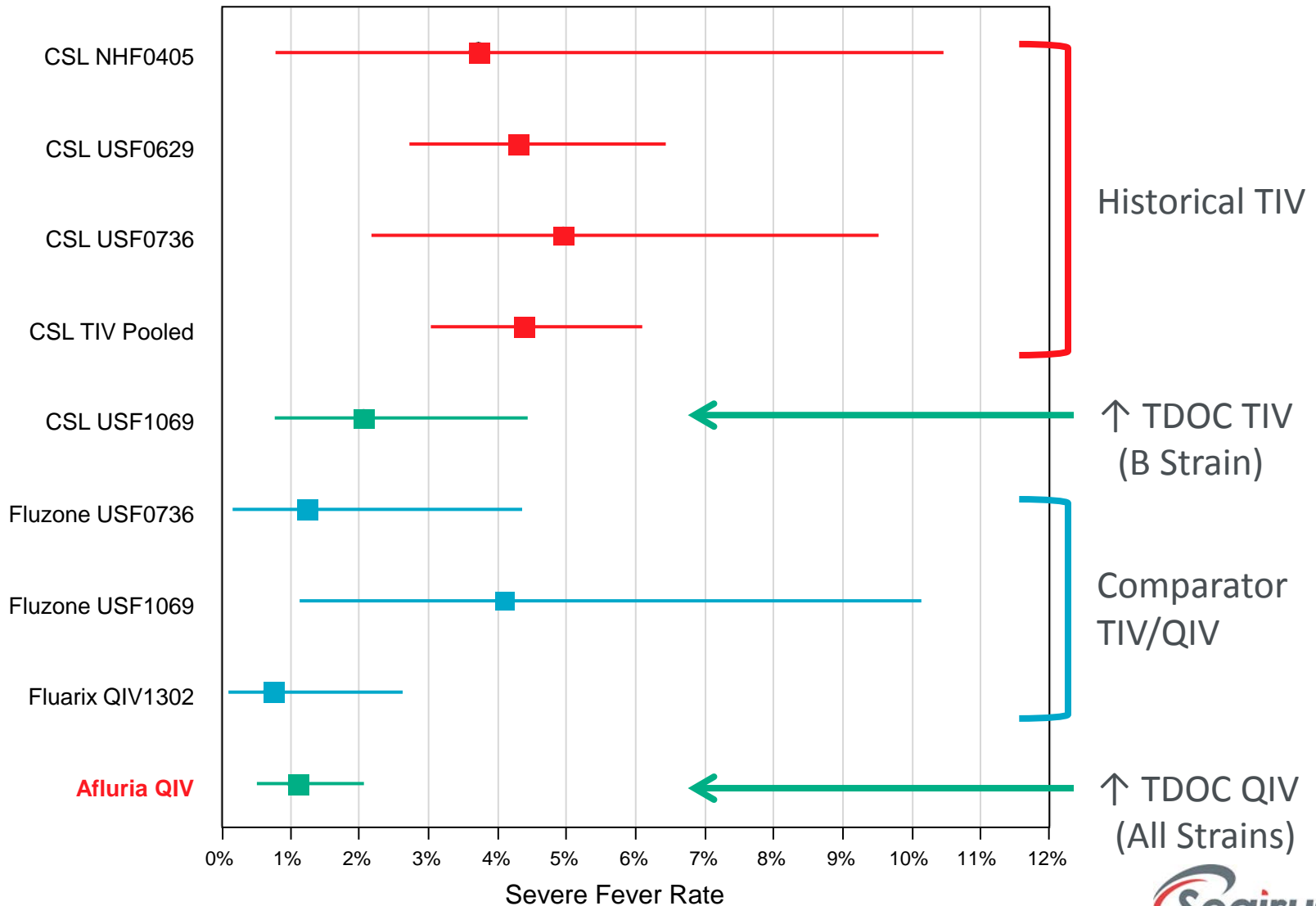


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# Summary of Afluria (TIV & QIV) Safety in 5 years to <18 years

- Acceptable Safety Profile in TIV & QIV
  - Fever rates (5 years to <9 years) similar to comparator
  - Fever rates (5 years to <9 years) less than historical vaccines
- Both Afluria TIV & QIV will be offered in the U.S. during the 2017-2018 Influenza season



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