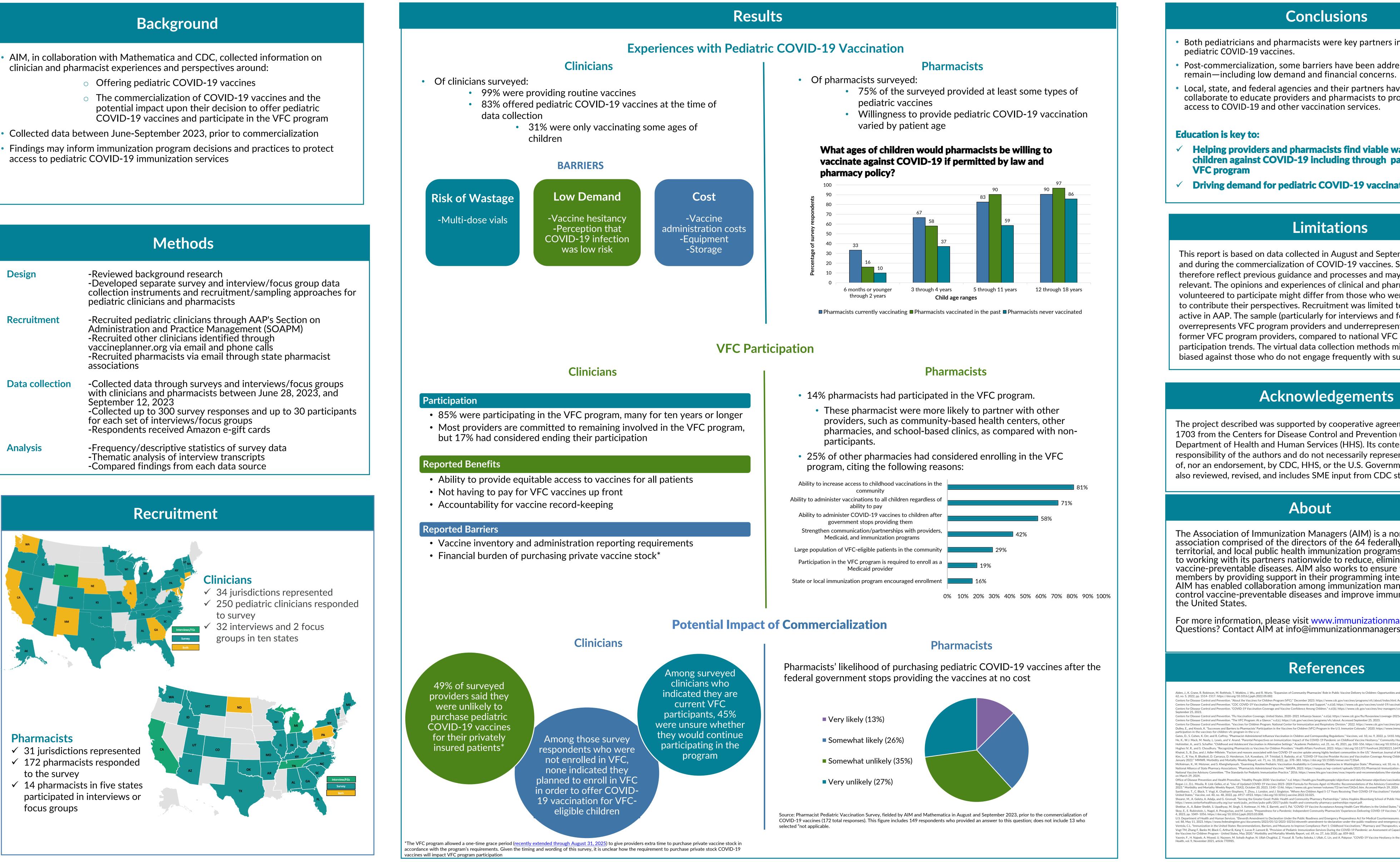


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- clinician and pharmacist experiences and perspectives around:

 - potential impact upon their decision to offer pediatric COVID-19 vaccines and participate in the VFC program
- Collected data between June-September 2023, prior to commercialization

	Methods
Design	-Reviewed background research -Developed separate survey and interview/focus group data collection instruments and recruitment/sampling approache pediatric clinicians and pharmacists
Recruitment	-Recruited pediatric clinicians through AAP's Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) -Recruited other clinicians identified through vaccineplanner.org via email and phone calls -Recruited pharmacists via email through state pharmacist associations
Data collection	-Collected data through surveys and interviews/focus group with clinicians and pharmacists between June 28, 2023, and September 12, 2023 -Collected up to 300 survey responses and up to 30 particip for each set of interviews/focus groups -Respondents received Amazon e-gift cards
Analysis	-Frequency/descriptive statistics of survey data -Thematic analysis of interview transcripts -Compared findings from each data source



Understanding Provider and Pharmacist Experiences and Perspectives toward Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination

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Conclusions

• Both pediatricians and pharmacists were key partners in the rollout of pediatric COVID-19 vaccines.

 Post-commercialization, some barriers have been addressed, but challenges remain—including low demand and financial concerns.

• Local, state, and federal agencies and their partners have an opportunity to collaborate to educate providers and pharmacists to protect children's access to COVID-19 and other vaccination services.

Education is key to:

✓ Helping providers and pharmacists find viable ways to vaccinate children against COVID-19 including through participation in the **VFC program**

Driving demand for pediatric COVID-19 vaccination

Limitations

This report is based on data collected in August and September 2023, before and during the commercialization of COVID-19 vaccines. Some of the results therefore reflect previous guidance and processes and may no longer be relevant. The opinions and experiences of clinical and pharmacy staff that volunteered to participate might differ from those who were unable or unwilling to contribute their perspectives. Recruitment was limited to those who are active in AAP. The sample (particularly for interviews and focus groups) slightly overrepresents VFC program providers and underrepresents non-VFC and former VFC program providers, compared to national VFC program participation trends. The virtual data collection methods might have also been biased against those who do not engage frequently with such technology.

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