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Dr. Rajeev Venkayya serves as President of the Vaccine Business Unit. He joined Takeda in 2012 to launch the global vaccine business, building upon a longstanding business in Japan. Since then, he has formed a global organization and established a high-impact vaccine pipeline that includes promising late-stage candidates for dengue and norovirus, gained through the acquisitions of LigoCyte and Inviragen Inc. Prior to Takeda, Dr. Venkayya served as Director of Vaccine Delivery in the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he was responsible for the Foundation's efforts in polio eradication and new vaccine introduction, and a grant portfolio of \$500M/year. While at the foundation, he served on the Board of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI).