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James A. Sellers^{*} (sellersj@math.psu.edu), Department of Mathematics, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. *Infinite Families of Divisibility Properties Modulo 4 for* Non-Squashing Partitions into Distinct Parts.

In 2005, Sloane and Sellers defined a function b(n) which denotes the number of non-squashing partitions of n into distinct parts. In their 2005 paper, Sloane and Sellers also proved various congruence properties modulo 2 satisfied by b(n). In this note, we extend their results by proving two infinite families of congruence properties modulo 4 for b(n). In particular, we prove that for all $k \ge 3$ and all $n \ge 0$,

> $b(2^{2k+1}n + 2^{2k-2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and $b(2^{2k+1}n + 3 \cdot 2^{2k-2} + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$

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