

# Global Stability of a Secondary Dengue Viral Infection Model

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**Abstract:** This paper proposes and analyzes a secondary dengue viral infection model with two antibodies, namely heterologous antibody and homologous antibody. The well-posedness of the model is established by showing that the solutions of the model are nonnegative and bounded. We have shown that the model has four steady states, namely: infection-free steady state  $S_0$ , infected steady state with inactive antibody immune response  $S_1$ , infected steady state with only active heterologous antibody  $S_2$ , and infected steady state with only active homologous antibody  $S_3$ . We derive three bifurcation parameters: the basic infection reproduction number  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , the heterologous antibody immune response activation number  $\mathcal{R}_1$ , and the homologous antibody immune response activation number  $\mathcal{R}_2$ . These parameters define the existence and global stability of the steady states of the model. We prove the global asymptotic stability of all steady states utilizing Lyapunov function and LaSalle's invariance principle. We illustrate the theoretical results via numerical simulations.

**Keywords:** Dengue, DENV, Steady state, Global stability, Antibody immune response.

## 1 Introduction

Dengue is one of the dangerous vector-borne diseases caused by dengue virus (DENV). Throughout the world, around 50-100 million peoples are infected by DENV and approximately 12500 die annually. Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa are the most affected regions [1]. *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* female mosquitoes transmit DENV to humans. A healthy person gets infected when he/she is bitten by DENV-infected mosquitoes. The symptoms involve joint pains, headache, high fever, vomiting, nausea, and pain behind the eyes [2]. Four serologically distinct dengue viruses (DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3 and DENV-4) can infect the human body [3]. The target cells of the DENV include monocytes, dendritic cells, macrophages and hepatocytes [4]-[6]. When DENV enters the human body for the first time, the immune response is enhanced [7]. Antibody and Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes (CTLs) immune responses are two arms of the adaptive immune response to fight viruses. Antibodies are produced from the B cells to attach virus antigens and remove it from the body. CTLs kill the DENV-infected cells.

Recently, mathematical modeling of within-host dengue viral infection has witnessed a significant development. Mathematical models of primary within-host dengue viral infection have been introduced in some previous pieces of literature (see e.g. [8]-[16]). These models have been constructed on the basis of the basic viral infection model presented in [17]. It has been reported [18] that when a human is infected by one serotype, he/she will have lifelong immunity against that serotype, but only temporary and partial cross-immunity to the other three serotypes. Mathematical models of within-host dengue dynamics pertaining to secondary dengue infection with another serotype have been proposed in [19]-[25]. We observe that the global stability of the models presented in [19]-[25] is not extensively investigated.

Stability analysis has become one of the most important and fundamental approaches for understanding the within-host virus dynamics. In the present paper, we address the global stability analysis of a secondary dengue viral infection model with two types of antibodies. The well-posedness of the model is investigated by establishing that the solutions of the

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model are nonnegative and bounded. We derive three threshold parameters which define the existence and stability of the four steady states. Global stability of all steady states is proven by formulating Lyapunov functions and utilizing LaSalle's invariance principle. We perform some numerical simulations to illustrate the theoretical results.

## 2 Mathematical DENV dynamics model

We formulate a DENV dynamics model with secondary infection and two types of antibodies. The model describes the within-host dynamics of five compartments as:

$$\dot{x} = \varpi - \phi xv - \xi x, \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{y} = \phi xv - \rho y, \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{v} = \tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 vz - \psi_2 vw, \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{z} = \rho_1 vz - \mu_1 z, \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{w} = \rho_2 vw - \mu_2 w, \quad (5)$$

where the variables  $x = x(t)$ ,  $y = y(t)$ ,  $v = v(t)$ ,  $z = z(t)$  and  $w = w(t)$  are the concentrations of healthy cells, infected cells, DENV particles, heterologous antibody previously formed on primary infection and homologous antibody against the new virus serotype of the secondary infection at time  $t$ , respectively. The healthy cells are created at rate  $\varpi$ , die at rate  $\xi x$  and become infected by DENV at rate  $\phi xv$ . The DENV-infected cells die at rate  $\rho y$  and produce DENV particles at rate  $\tau y$ . The DENV particles die at rate  $\eta v$ . The terms  $\psi_1 vz$  and  $\psi_2 vw$  represent the neutralization rates of the DENV by heterologous and homologous antibodies, respectively. The heterologous and homologous antibodies are activated at rates  $\rho_1 vz$  and  $\rho_2 vw$ , respectively. The terms  $\mu_1 z$  and  $\mu_2 w$  are the decay rates of the heterologous and homologous antibodies, respectively.

## 3 Properties of solutions and steady states

Let  $\kappa_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , and define the compact set

$$\Delta = \left\{ (x, y, v, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^5 : 0 \leq x, y \leq \kappa_1, 0 \leq v \leq \kappa_2, \right. \\ \left. 0 \leq z \leq \kappa_3, 0 \leq w \leq \kappa_4 \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** The set  $\Delta$  is positively invariant with respect to system (1)-(5).

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} \Big|_{x=0} &= \varpi > 0, \\ \dot{y} \Big|_{y=0} &= \phi xv \geq 0 \quad \text{for } x, v \geq 0, \\ \dot{v} \Big|_{v=0} &= \tau y \geq 0 \quad \text{for } y \geq 0, \\ \dot{z} \Big|_{z=0} &= 0, \\ \dot{w} \Big|_{w=0} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, all solutions of system (1)-(5) with initial  $(x(0), y(0), v(0), z(0), w(0)) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^5$  are nonnegative. Let

$$T = x + y + \frac{\rho}{2\tau}v + \frac{\rho\psi_1}{2\tau\rho_1}z + \frac{\rho\psi_2}{2\tau\rho_2}w,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{T} &= \varpi - \xi x - \frac{\rho}{2}y - \frac{\rho\eta}{2\tau}v - \frac{\rho\psi_1\mu_1}{2\tau\rho_1}z - \frac{\rho\psi_2\mu_2}{2\tau\rho_2}w \\ &\leq \varpi - \sigma \left( x + y + \frac{\rho}{2\tau}v + \frac{\rho\psi_1}{2\tau\rho_1}z + \frac{\rho\psi_2}{2\tau\rho_2}w \right) = \varpi - \sigma T, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma = \min\{\xi, \frac{1}{2}\rho, \eta, \mu_1, \mu_2\}$ . Hence,  $T(t) \leq \kappa_1$ , if  $T(0) \leq \kappa_1$ , where  $\kappa_1 = \frac{\varpi}{\sigma}$ . The nonnegativity of the variables implies  $0 \leq x(t), y(t) \leq \kappa_1$ ,  $0 \leq v(t) \leq \kappa_2$ ,  $0 \leq z(t) \leq \kappa_3$  and  $0 \leq w(t) \leq \kappa_4$  if  $0 \leq x(0) + y(0) + \frac{\rho}{2\tau}v(0) + \frac{\rho\psi_1}{2\tau\rho_1}z(0) + \frac{\rho\psi_2}{2\tau\rho_2}w(0) \leq \kappa_1$ , where  $\kappa_2 = \frac{2\tau}{\rho}\kappa_1$ ,  $\kappa_3 = \frac{2\tau\rho_1}{\rho\psi_1}\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_4 = \frac{2\tau\rho_2}{\rho\psi_2}\kappa_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** There exist three bifurcation parameters  $\mathcal{R}_0$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2$  with  $\mathcal{R}_0 > \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0 > \mathcal{R}_2$  such that

(i) if  $\mathcal{R}_0 \leq 1$ , then the system has only one steady state  $S_0 \in \Delta$ ,

(ii) if  $\mathcal{R}_1 \leq 1 < \mathcal{R}_0$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 \leq 1 < \mathcal{R}_0$ , then the system has only two steady states  $S_0 \in \Delta$  and  $S_1 \in \mathring{\Delta}$ , where  $\mathring{\Delta}$  is the interior of  $\Delta$ ,

(iii) if  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2 < 1$ , then the system has three steady states  $S_0 \in \Delta$ ,  $S_1 \in \mathring{\Delta}$  and  $S_2 \in \mathring{\Delta}$ .

(iv) if  $\mathcal{R}_2 > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1 < 1$ , then the system has three steady states  $S_0 \in \Delta$ ,  $S_1 \in \mathring{\Delta}$  and  $S_3 \in \mathring{\Delta}$ .

(v) if  $\mathcal{R}_2 > 1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$ , then the system has four steady states  $S_0 \in \Delta$ ,  $S_1 \in \mathring{\Delta}$ ,  $S_2 \in \mathring{\Delta}$  and  $S_3 \in \mathring{\Delta}$ .

**Proof.** Let the R.H.S. of Eqs. (1)-(5) be zero

$$0 = \varpi - \phi xv - \xi x, \quad (6)$$

$$0 = \phi xv - \rho y, \quad (7)$$

$$0 = \tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 vz - \psi_2 vw, \quad (8)$$

$$0 = \rho_1 vz - \mu_1 z, \quad (9)$$

$$0 = \rho_2 vw - \mu_2 w. \quad (10)$$

Then, solving the system of algebraic equations (6)-(10) we get four steady states, as the following:

(i) infection-free steady state  $S_0(x_0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ , where  $x_0 = \frac{\varpi}{\xi}$ ,

(ii) infected steady state with inactive immune antibody response  $S_1(x_1, y_1, v_1, 0, 0)$ , where

$$x_1 = \frac{x_0}{\mathcal{R}_0}, \quad y_1 = \frac{\eta\xi}{\tau\phi}(\mathcal{R}_0 - 1), \quad v_1 = \frac{\xi}{\phi}(\mathcal{R}_0 - 1),$$

(iii) infected steady state with only active heterologous antibody  $S_2(x_2, y_2, v_2, z_2, 0)$ , where

$$x_2 = \frac{\rho_1\varpi}{\xi\rho_1 + \phi\mu_1}, \quad y_2 = \frac{\phi\varpi\mu_1}{\rho(\xi\rho_1 + \phi\mu_1)}, \quad v_2 = \frac{\mu_1}{\rho_1},$$

$$z_2 = \frac{\eta}{\psi_1}(\mathcal{R}_1 - 1),$$

(iv) infected steady state with only active homologous antibody  $S_3(x_3, y_3, v_3, 0, w_3)$ , where

$$x_3 = \frac{\rho_2 \bar{\omega}}{\xi \rho_2 + \phi \mu_2}, \quad y_3 = \frac{\phi \bar{\omega} \mu_2}{\rho(\xi \rho_2 + \phi \mu_2)}, \quad v_3 = \frac{\mu_2}{\rho_2},$$

$$w_3 = \frac{\eta}{\psi_2} (\mathcal{R}_2 - 1),$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{x_0 \tau \phi}{\rho \eta}, \quad \mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{\mathcal{R}_0}{1 + \frac{\phi \mu_1}{\xi \rho_1}}, \quad \mathcal{R}_2 = \frac{\mathcal{R}_0}{1 + \frac{\phi \mu_2}{\xi \rho_2}}.$$

Clearly  $\mathcal{R}_0 > \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0 > \mathcal{R}_2$ .

(v) It is clear from (iii) and (iv) that if  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 > 1$ ,  $S_0, S_1, S_2$  and  $S_3$  all exist.

Here,  $\mathcal{R}_0$  represents the basic infection reproduction number,  $\mathcal{R}_1$  represents the heterologous antibody immune response activation numbers and  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is the homologous antibody immune response activation number.

Now, we show that  $S_0 \in \Delta$  and  $S_1, S_2, S_3 \in \Delta$ . It is clear that  $S_0 \in \Delta$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ , then  $S_1$  exists and

$$\xi x_1 + \rho y_1 = \bar{\omega}.$$

It follows that

$$x_1 < \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\xi} \leq \kappa_1, \quad y_1 < \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\rho} < \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho} \leq \kappa_1.$$

Moreover, we have,  $\eta v_1 = \tau y_1$ , then

$$v_1 = \frac{\tau}{\eta} y_1 < \frac{2\tau \bar{\omega}}{\rho \eta} \leq \frac{2\tau}{\rho} \kappa_1 = \kappa_2.$$

We have  $z_1 = w_1 = 0$  then,  $S_1 \in \Delta$ .

It is clear that  $0 < x_2, y_2 < \kappa_1$ . Next, we show that  $0 < v_2 < \kappa_2$  and  $0 < z_2 < \kappa_3$  when  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$ . From the steady state conditions of  $S_2$ , we have

$$\eta v_2 + \psi_1 v_2 z_2 = \tau y_2.$$

Then if  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$  we get

$$\eta v_2 < \tau y_2 \Rightarrow 0 < v_2 < \frac{2\tau \bar{\omega}}{\rho \eta} \leq \frac{2\tau}{\rho} \kappa_1 = \kappa_2.$$

Finally we have

$$z_2 < \frac{\tau y_2}{\psi_1 v_2} < \frac{2\tau \rho_1}{\rho \psi_1} \kappa_1 = \kappa_3$$

Then,  $S_2 \in \Delta$ . Similarly, one can show that  $S_3 \in \Delta$ .  $\square$

### 4 Global stability

This section is devoted to prove the global stability of the four steady states by of system (1)-(5). The proofs are

based on the method of Lyapunov function presented [26]-[32]. Define a function  $g(x) = x - 1 - \ln x$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}_0 \leq 1$ , then  $S_0$  is globally asymptotically stable (G.A.S) in  $\Delta$ .

**Proof.** Define

$$W_0(x, y, v, z, w) = x_0 g\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right) + y + \frac{\rho}{\tau} v + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} w. \tag{11}$$

Observe that  $W_0(x, y, v, z, w) > 0$  for all  $(x, y, v, z, w) > 0$  and  $W_0(x_0, 0, 0, 0, 0) = 0$ . Calculating  $\frac{dW_0}{dt}$  along the solutions of (1)-(5) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_0}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_0}{x}\right) (\bar{\omega} - \xi x - \phi xv) + \phi xv - \rho y \\ &+ \frac{\rho}{\tau} (\tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 v z - \psi_2 v w) + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} (\rho_1 v z - \mu_1 z) \\ &+ \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} (\rho_2 v w - \mu_2 w). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Collecting terms of Eq. (12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_0}{dt} &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_0)^2}{x} + \left(\phi x_0 - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau}\right) v - \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z - \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w \\ &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_0)^2}{x} + \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} (\mathcal{R}_0 - 1) v - \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z - \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $\mathcal{R}_0 \leq 1$ , then  $\frac{dW_0}{dt} \leq 0$  for  $x, v, z, w \in (0, \infty)$ . Moreover,  $\frac{dW_0}{dt} = 0$  when  $x(t) = x_0$  and  $v(t) = z(t) = w(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ . Let  $\Gamma = \{(x, y, v, z, w) : \frac{dW_0}{dt} = 0\}$  and  $\Gamma_0$  be the largest invariant subset of  $\Gamma$ . We note that the solutions of system (1)-(5) converge to  $\Gamma_0$  [33]. The set  $\Gamma_0$  is invariant and contains elements which satisfy  $v(t) = z(t) = w(t) = 0$ . It follows from Eq. (3) that

$$0 = \dot{v}(t) = \tau y(t).$$

This yields  $y(t) = 0$ . Hence  $\Gamma_0$  is the singleton  $\{S_0\}$ . LaSalle's invariance principle provides that  $S_0$  is G.A.S [33].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}_1 \leq 1 < \mathcal{R}_0$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 \leq 1$ , then  $S_1$  is G.A.S in  $\Delta$ .

**Proof.** We define a function  $W_1(x, y, v, z, w)$  as:

$$W_1 = x_1 g\left(\frac{x}{x_1}\right) + y_1 g\left(\frac{y}{y_1}\right) + \frac{\rho}{\tau} v_1 g\left(\frac{v}{v_1}\right) + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} w.$$

Calculating  $\frac{dW_1}{dt}$  along the trajectories of (1)-(5):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_1}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{x}\right) (\omega - \xi x - \phi xv) + \left(1 - \frac{y_1}{y}\right) (\phi xv \\ &\quad - \rho y) + \frac{\rho}{\tau} \left(1 - \frac{v_1}{v}\right) (\tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 vz - \psi_2 vw) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} (\rho_1 vz - \mu_1 z) + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} (\rho_2 vw - \mu_2 w) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{x}\right) (\omega - \xi x) + \phi x_1 v - \frac{\phi x v y_1}{y} + \rho y_1 \\ &\quad - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v - \rho \frac{v_1 y}{v} + \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v_1 + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} v_1 z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} v_1 w \\ &\quad - \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z - \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Collecting terms of Eq. (13) and applying the steady state conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \xi x_1 + \phi x_1 v_1, \\ \rho y_1 &= \phi x_1 v_1, \\ \tau y_1 &= \eta v_1, \end{aligned}$$

we get  $\phi x_1 v - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_1}{dt} &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_1)^2}{x} + \rho y_1 \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{x}\right) - \rho y_1 \frac{x v y_1}{x_1 v_1 y} \\ &\quad + 2\rho y_1 - \rho y_1 \frac{v_1 y}{v y_1} + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} \left(v_1 - \frac{\mu_1}{\rho_1}\right) z \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} \left(v_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\rho_2}\right) w \\ &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_1)^2}{x} + \rho y_1 \left[3 - \frac{x_1}{x} - \frac{x v y_1}{x_1 v_1 y} - \frac{v_1 y}{v y_1}\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_1 (\xi \rho_1 + \phi \mu_1)}{\tau \rho_1 \phi} (\mathcal{R}_1 - 1) z \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_2 (\xi \rho_2 + \phi \mu_2)}{\tau \rho_2 \phi} (\mathcal{R}_2 - 1) w. \end{aligned}$$

Since the the geometrical mean is less than or equal the arithmetical mean, then

$$3 \leq \frac{x_1}{x} + \frac{x v y_1}{x_1 v_1 y} + \frac{v_1 y}{v y_1}.$$

It follows that for all  $x, y, v, z, w > 0$ , we have  $\frac{dW_1}{dt} \leq 0$  and  $\frac{dW_1}{dt} = 0$  when  $x = x_1$ ,  $y = y_1$ ,  $v = v_1$  and  $z = w = 0$ . Therefore, the largest invariant subset of  $\{(x, y, v, z, w) : \frac{dW_1}{dt} = 0\}$  is the singleton  $\{S_1\}$ . By LaSalle's invariance principle,  $S_1$  is G.A.S.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\mathcal{R}_1 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 \leq \mathcal{R}_1$ , then  $S_2$  is G.A.S in  $\Delta$ .

**Proof.** Define a function  $W_2(x, y, v, z, w)$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} W_2 &= x_2 g\left(\frac{x}{x_2}\right) + y_2 g\left(\frac{y}{y_2}\right) + \frac{\rho}{\tau} v_2 g\left(\frac{v}{v_2}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} z_2 g\left(\frac{z}{z_2}\right) + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} w. \end{aligned}$$

Calculating  $\frac{dW_2}{dt}$  along the solutions of model (1)-(5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_2}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x}\right) (\omega - \xi x - \phi xv) + \left(1 - \frac{y_2}{y}\right) (\phi xv - \rho y) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho}{\tau} \left(1 - \frac{v_2}{v}\right) (\tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 vz - \psi_2 vw) \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} \left(1 - \frac{z_2}{z}\right) (\rho_1 vz - \mu_1 z) + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} (\rho_2 vw - \mu_2 w). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Collecting terms of Eq. (14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_2}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x}\right) (\omega - \xi x) + \phi x_2 v - \frac{\phi x v y_2}{y} + \rho y_2 - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v \\ &\quad - \rho \frac{v_2 y}{v} + \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v_2 + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} v_2 z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} v_2 w - \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z \\ &\quad - \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} z_2 v + \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z_2 - \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x}\right) (\omega - \xi x) + \left(\phi x_2 - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} - \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} z_2\right) v \\ &\quad - \frac{\phi x v y_2}{y} + \rho y_2 - \rho \frac{v_2 y}{v} + \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v_2 + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} v_2 w \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z_2 - \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the steady state conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \xi x_2 + \phi x_2 v_2, \\ \rho y_2 &= \phi x_2 v_2, \\ \tau y_2 &= \eta v_2 + \psi_1 v_2 z_2, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_2}{dt} &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_2)^2}{x} + \rho y_2 \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x}\right) \\ &\quad - \rho y_2 \frac{x v y_2}{x_2 v_2 y} - \rho y_2 \frac{v_2 y}{v y_2} + 2\rho y_2 + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} (v_2 - v_3) w \\ &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_2)^2}{x} + \rho y_2 \left[3 - \frac{x_2}{x} - \frac{x v y_2}{x_2 v_2 y} - \frac{v_2 y}{v y_2}\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\rho \psi_2 (\xi \rho_2 + \phi \mu_2)}{\tau \phi \rho_2 \mathcal{R}_1} (\mathcal{R}_2 - \mathcal{R}_1) w. \end{aligned}$$

The relation between the arithmetical and geometrical means implies

$$3 \leq \frac{x_2}{x} + \frac{x v y_2}{x_2 v_2 y} + \frac{v_2 y}{v y_2}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}_2 \leq \mathcal{R}_1$ , then  $\frac{dW_2}{dt} \leq 0$  for all  $(x, y, v, z, w) > 0$ . We have  $\frac{dW_2}{dt} = 0$  when  $x = x_2$ ,  $y = y_2$ ,  $v = v_2$  and  $w = 0$ . Let  $\hat{\Gamma} = \{(x, y, v, z, w) : \frac{dW_2}{dt} = 0\}$  and  $\hat{\Gamma}_0$  be the largest invariant subset of  $\hat{\Gamma}$ . We note that, the solutions of system (1)-(5) converge to  $\hat{\Gamma}_0$ . The set  $\hat{\Gamma}_0$  is invariant and

contains elements which satisfy  $y(t) = y_2, v(t) = v_2$  and  $w = 0$ . It follows from Eq. (3) that

$$0 = \dot{v} = \tau y_2 - \eta v_2 - \psi_1 v_2 z,$$

which gives  $z(t) = z_2$ . Hence,  $\tilde{\Gamma}_0$  is the singleton  $\{S_2\}$ . By LaSalle's invariance principle,  $S_2$  is G.A.S.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{R}_2 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_1 \leq \mathcal{R}_2$ , then  $S_3$  is G.A.S in  $\Delta$ .

**Proof.** Define a function  $W_3(x, y, v, z, w)$  as:

$$W_3 = x_3 g \left( \frac{x}{x_3} \right) + y_3 g \left( \frac{y}{y_3} \right) + \frac{\rho}{\tau} v_3 g \left( \frac{v}{v_3} \right) + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} w_2 g \left( \frac{w}{w_2} \right).$$

Calculating  $\frac{dW_3}{dt}$  along the solutions of model (1)-(5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_3}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_3}{x}\right) (\varpi - \xi x - \phi xv) + \left(1 - \frac{y_3}{y}\right) (\phi xv - \rho y) \\ &+ \frac{\rho}{\tau} \left(1 - \frac{v_3}{v}\right) (\tau y - \eta v - \psi_1 v z - \psi_2 v w) \\ &+ \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau \rho_1} (\rho_1 v z - \mu_1 z) + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau \rho_2} \left(1 - \frac{w_3}{w}\right) (\rho_2 v w - \mu_2 w). \end{aligned}$$

Collecting terms of the aforementioned equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_3}{dt} &= \left(1 - \frac{x_3}{x}\right) (\varpi - \xi x) + \phi x_3 v - \frac{\phi x v y_3}{y} + \rho y_3 - \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v \\ &- \rho \frac{v_3 y}{v} + \frac{\rho \eta}{\tau} v_3 + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} v_3 z + \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} v_3 w - \frac{\rho \psi_1 \mu_1}{\tau \rho_1} z \\ &- \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w - \frac{\rho \psi_2}{\tau} w_3 v + \frac{\rho \psi_2 \mu_2}{\tau \rho_2} w_3. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the steady state conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \varpi &= \xi x_3 + \phi x_3 v_3, \\ \rho y_3 &= \phi x_3 v_3, \\ \tau y_3 &= \eta v_3 + \psi_2 v_3 w_3, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_3}{dt} &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_3)^2}{x} + \rho y_3 \left(1 - \frac{x_3}{x}\right) - \rho y_3 \frac{x v y_3}{x_3 v_3 y} \\ &- \rho y_3 \frac{v_3 y}{v y_3} + 2\rho y_3 + \frac{\rho \psi_1}{\tau} (v_3 - v_2) z \\ &= -\frac{\xi(x-x_3)^2}{x} + \rho y_3 \left[3 - \frac{x_3}{x} - \frac{x v y_3}{x_3 v_3 y} - \frac{v_3 y}{v y_3}\right] \\ &+ \frac{\rho \psi_1 (\xi \rho_2 + \phi \mu_2)}{\tau \phi \rho_2 \mathcal{R}_1} (\mathcal{R}_1 - \mathcal{R}_2) z. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $\frac{dW_3}{dt} \leq 0$  for all  $(x, y, v, z, w) > 0$  and  $\frac{dW_3}{dt} = 0$  when  $x = x_3, y = y_3, v = v_3$  and  $z = 0$ . Let  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \left\{ (x, y, v, z, w) : \frac{dW_3}{dt} = 0 \right\}$  and  $\tilde{\Gamma}_0$  be the largest

invariant subset of  $\tilde{\Gamma}$ . We note that the solutions of system (1)-(5) converge to  $\tilde{\Gamma}_0$ . The set  $\tilde{\Gamma}_0$  is invariant and contains elements which satisfy  $y(t) = y_3, v(t) = v_3$  and  $w(t) = 0$ . It follows that from Eq. (3) that

$$0 = \dot{v} = \tau y_3 - \eta v_3 - \psi_2 v_3 w,$$

which gives  $w(t) = w_3$ . Hence  $\tilde{\Gamma}_0$  is the singleton  $\{S_3\}$ . By LaSalle's invariance principle  $S_3$  is G.A.S.  $\square$

## 5 Numerical simulations

We solve system (1)-(5) numerically with different initial values:

**IV1:**  $(x(0), y(0), v(0), z(0), w(0)) = (700, 5, 4, 3, 2),$

**IV2:**  $(x(0), y(0), v(0), z(0), w(0)) = (600, 8, 7, 4, 3),$

**IV3:**  $(x(0), y(0), v(0), z(0), w(0)) = (450, 12, 10, 5, 4),$

**IV4:**  $(x(0), y(0), v(0), z(0), w(0)) = (350, 20, 13, 6, 6),$

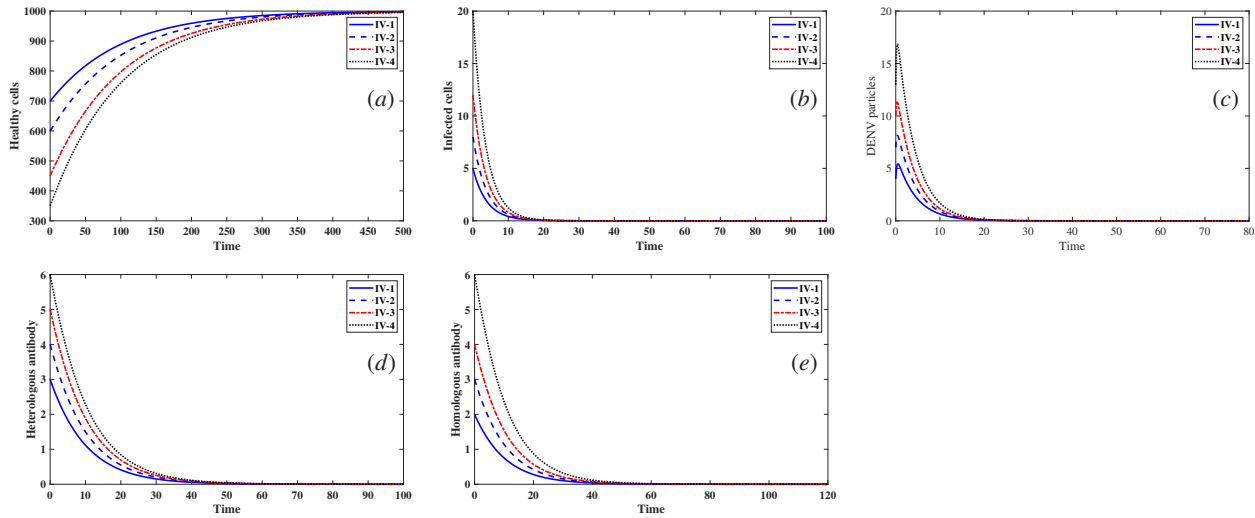
and with parameters values given in Table 1. The parameters  $\phi, \rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  will be selected in four cases:

**Case (I):** In this case, we choose  $\phi = 0.00005, \rho_1 = 0.0005$  and  $\rho_2 = 0.001$  which give  $\mathcal{R}_0 = 0.2778 < 1, \mathcal{R}_1 = 0.1389 < 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = 0.1852$ . Theorems 3.2 and 4.1 state that the system has a single steady state,  $S_0$  and it is G.A.S. Figure 1 shows that the concentrations of infected cells, DENV particles, heterologous antibody and homologous antibody are decreasing w.r.t. time and finally tend to zero. In the mean time, the concentration of the healthy cells is increasing and tends to its healthy value  $x_0 = 1000$ . In this case, the DENV is cleared from the body.

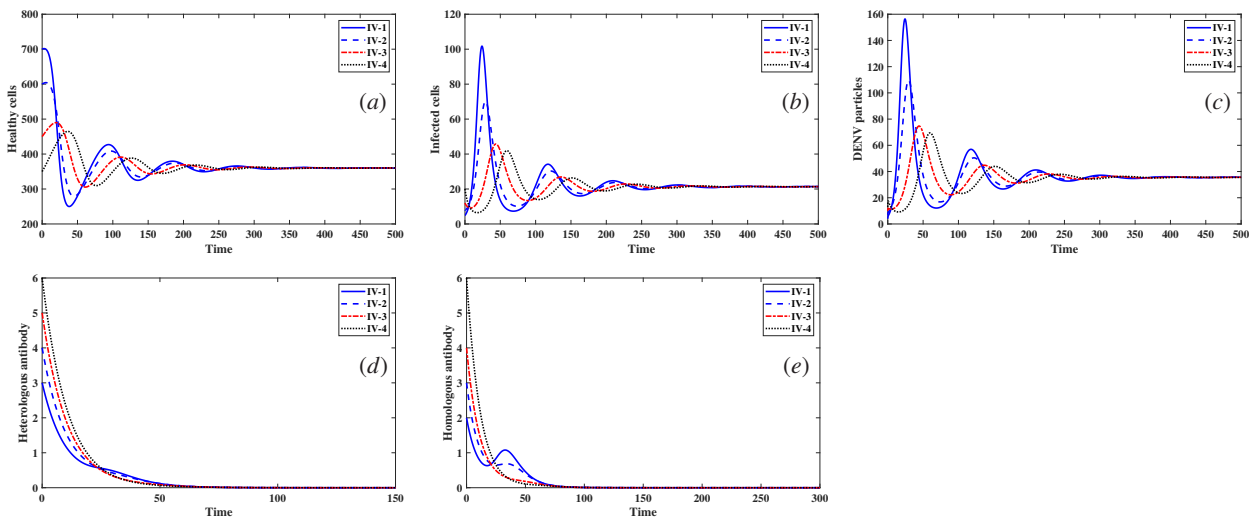
**Case (II):** By taking  $\phi = 0.0005, \rho_1 = 0.0005$  and  $\rho_2 = 0.001$ , we get  $\mathcal{R}_0 = 2.7778 > 1, \mathcal{R}_1 = 0.2525 < 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = 0.4630 < 1$ . Consequently, based on Theorems 3.2 and 4.2, the antibody-inactive infection steady state  $S_1$  exists and it is G.A.S. Figure 2 displays the numerical solutions of the system with IV1-IV4. The results illustrate the theoretical results presented in Theorem 4.2. It is noticeable that, the solutions of the system eventually converge to the steady state  $S_1 = (360, 21.3333, 35.5556, 0, 0)$ . In this case, the patient has no antibody immune response to DENV infection.

**Case (III):**  $\phi = 0.0005, \rho_1 = 0.005$  and  $\rho_2 = 0.001$ . Then, we calculate  $\mathcal{R}_0 = 2.7778 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_1 = 1.3889 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = 0.4630 < \mathcal{R}_1$ . Theorems 3.2 and 4.3 state that the infected steady state with only active heterologous antibody  $S_2 = (500, 16.6667, 20, 3.8889, 0)$  exists and it is G.A.S. Figure 3 displays the numerical solutions of the system with IV1-IV4. The results support the theoretical results presented in Theorem 4.3. In this case the patient has only active heterologous antibody immune response to DENV infection.

**Case (IV):**  $\phi = 0.0005, \rho_1 = 0.01$  and  $\rho_2 = 0.02$ . Then, we calculate  $\mathcal{R}_0 = 2.7778 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_1 = 1.8519 > 1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = 2.2222 > \mathcal{R}_1$ . According to Theorems 3.2 and 4.4, the infected steady state with only active homologous antibody  $S_3 = (800, 6.6667, 5, 0, 36.6667)$  exists and it is G.A.S.



**Fig. 1:** Solutions of system (1)-(5) with different initial conditions for Case (I).



**Fig. 2:** Solutions of system (1)-(5) with different initial conditions for Case (II).

Figure 4 illustrates and supports the results of Theorem 4.4. In this case, the patient has only active homologous antibody immune response to DENV infection.

Second, we calculate the Jacobian matrix  $J = J(x, y, v, z, w)$  of system (1)-(5) as:

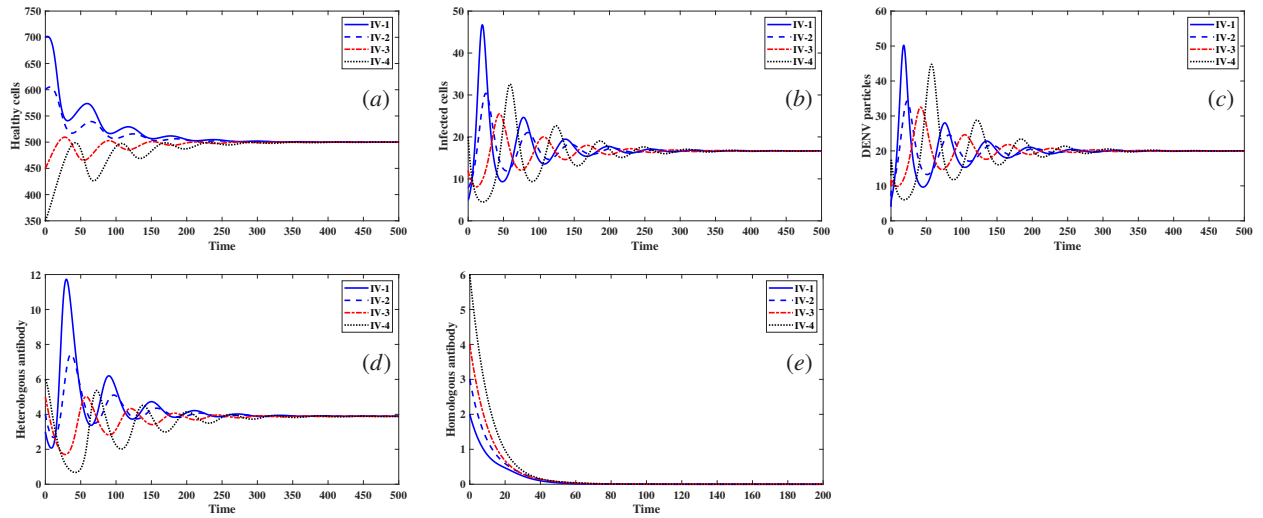
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -\xi - \phi v & 0 & -\phi x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \phi v & -\rho & \phi x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tau & -\eta - \psi_2 w - \psi_1 z & -\psi_1 v & -\psi_2 v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_1 z & \rho_1 v - \mu_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho_2 w & 0 & \rho_2 v - \mu_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we calculate the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  of the matrix  $J$  at each steady state. The examined steady will be locally stable if all its eigenvalues satisfy the following condition:

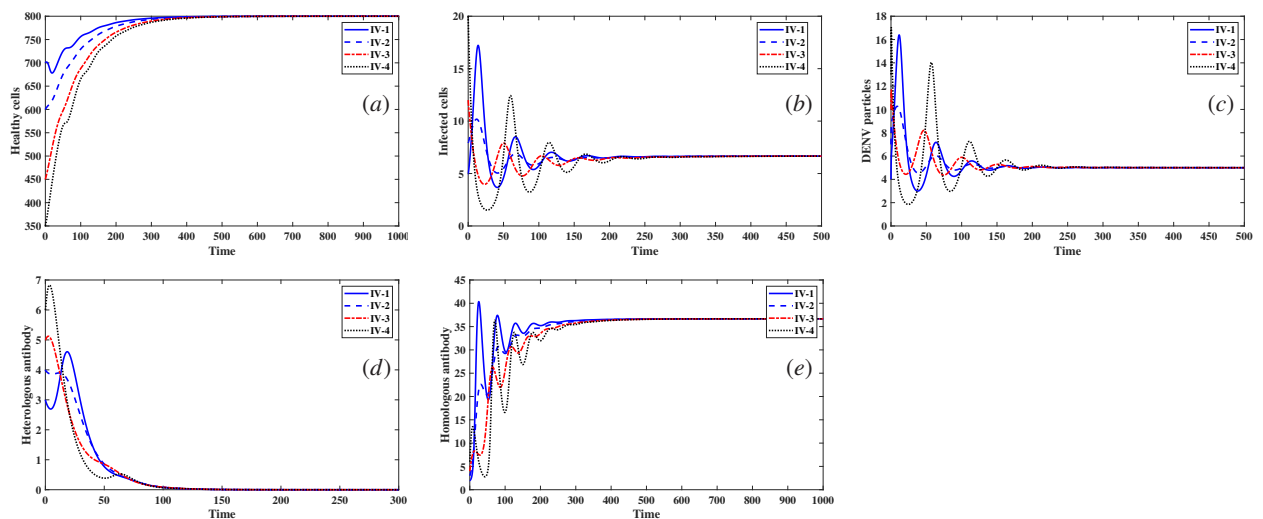
$$\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

**Table 1:** The values of the parameters of system (1)-(5).

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$\lambda$	10	$\tau$	5	$\rho_1$	Varied
$\xi$	0.01	$\eta$	3	$\mu_1$	0.1
$\phi$	Varied	$\psi_1$	0.3	$\rho_2$	Varied
$\rho$	0.3	$\psi_2$	0.1	$\mu_2$	0.1



**Fig. 3:** Solutions of system (1)-(5) with different initial conditions for Case (III).



**Fig. 4:** Solutions of system (1)-(5) with different initial conditions for Case (IV).

We use the values of the parameters  $\phi$ ,  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  given in Cases (I)-(IV) to compute all positive steady states and the corresponding eigenvalues. In Table 2, we present the positive steady states, and the real parts of the eigenvalues, whether the steady state is locally stable or unstable for Cases (I)-(IV).

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**Table 2:** Local stability of positive steady states for Cases (I)-(IV).

Case	Steady states	$(\text{Re}(\lambda_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, 5)$	Stability
(I)	$S_0 = (1000, 0, 0, 0, 0)$	$(-3.09, -0.210, -0.1, -0.1, -0.01)$	stable
(II)	$S_0 = (1000, 0, 0, 0, 0)$	$(-3.729, 0.429, -0.1, -0.1, -0.017)$	unstable
	$S_1 = (360, 21.333, 35.556, 0, 0)$	$(-3.301, -0.082, -0.013, -0.013, -0.064)$	stable
(III)	$S_0 = (1000, 0, 0, 0, 0)$	$(-3.729, 0.429, -0.1, -0.1, -0.01)$	unstable
	$S_1 = (360, 21.333, 35.556, 0, 0)$	$(-3.301, 0.078, -0.013, -0.013, -0.064)$	unstable
	$S_2 = (500, 16.667, 20, 3.889, 0)$	$(-4.443, -0.015, -0.015, -0.08, -0.015)$	stable
(IV)	$S_0 = (1000, 0, 0, 0, 0)$	$(-3.729, 0.429, -0.1, -0.1, -0.01)$	unstable
	$S_1 = (360, 21.333, 35.556, 0, 0)$	$(-3.301, 0.611, 0.256, -0.013, -0.013)$	unstable
	$S_2 = (666.667, 11.111, 10, 8.519, 0)$	$(-5.814, -0.021, -0.021, 0.1, -0.013)$	unstable
	$S_3 = (800, 6.667, 5, 0, 36.667)$	$(-6.916, -0.026, -0.026, -0.05, -0.012)$	stable

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