



Viral infection dynamics with immune chemokines and CTL mobility modulated by the infected cell density

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

Mathematical models have been playing a major role in the study of viral dynamics (Perelson and Nelson [1999](#)

, d_i (Halle et al. 2016), CTL e d mig-a e m -e $l_w l_w$ hile -ec g i i g i fec ed cell . He ce $e_w e_w$ ill a , me i , m del ha he diff i -a e f CTL i a dec-ea i g f c i f he de i f i fec ed cell . M -e eci call $w e$ e -e , d he f l_w i g-eac i -diff i en w i h ge e-al i cide ce f c i :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t T = d_T \Delta T + b(T) - f(T, I) - g(T, V), & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \partial_t I = d_I \Delta I + f(T, I) + g(T, V) - r_1 IZ - \mu_I I, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \partial_t V = d_V \Delta V + kI - \mu_V V, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \partial_t Z = \Delta[d_Z(I)Z] + r_2 IZ - \mu_Z Z, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \partial_\nu T = \partial_\nu I = \partial_\nu V = \partial_\nu Z = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ \{T, I, V, Z\}(x, 0) = \{T_0, I_0, V_0, Z_0\}(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

w he-e $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ i a b , ded d mai w i h m h b , da- $\partial\Omega$. $T(x, t)$, $I(x, t)$, $V(x, t)$ a d $Z(x, t)$ de e he de i e f , i fec ed a-ge ed cell , i fec ed a-ge ed cell , i- e a d c i c T l m h c e (CTL), -e- eci el . d_T, d_I a d d_V a-e i i e diff i c a f - T, I a d V , -e- eci el . The g_w h f c i f - , i fec ed a-ge ed cell i gi e b $b(T)$. The cell- -cell a d i- - -cell -a mi - i a-e cha-ac-e-i ed b he li ea-f c i $f(T, I)$ a d $g(T, V)$, -e- eci el . $r_1 IZ$ a d f - he-em al-a e f i fec ed cell b CTL a d kI i he i-i - d c i -a e. The -e- i me -a e f CTL i $r_2 IZ$. U cali g $\tilde{Z} = (r_1/r_2)Z_w$ e ma a , me w i h , l f ge e-al i ha $r_1 = r_2 = r$. The c a -e-ca i al dea h-a e f I, V a d Z a-e de ed b μ_I, μ_V a d μ_Z , -e- eci el . Fi all , he f c i $d_Z(I) > 0$ cha-ac-e-i e he de e de ce f CTL m ili he de i f i fec ed cell . N e ha $\Delta[d_Z(I)Z] = \nabla \cdot [d_Z(I)\nabla Z] + \nabla \cdot [d'_Z(I)Z\nabla I]$. The -e-m $\nabla \cdot [d_Z(I)\nabla Z]$ im lie ha he CTL diff e m -e $l_w l_w$ i f he de i f i fec ed cell i highe- w hile he ec d e-m $\nabla \cdot [d'_Z(I)Z\nabla I]$ ge he w i h he a , m i $d'_Z(I) \leq 0$ i dica e ha he CTL e d m e w a-d he l ca i w i h highe-de - i f i fec ed cell . The e-m $\Delta[d_Z(I)Z]$ i al -ela ed he de i - , -e- ed m ili w hich ma - d ce m e c m le d amic a d a e- (F e al. 2012; Li 2011). The de i - , -e- ed m ili ha bee , died e e i el i he c - e f chem a i (Kelle- a d Segel 1970, 1971) a d -e -a i (Ka-ei a a d Odell 1987). M -e- eci el , i ha bee -e d ha he de i - , -e- ed m ili ca -e e he bl w - f l i (Ta a d Wi kle- 2017; Ji e al. 2018; Jia g e al. 2022; F e al. 2020, 2021), e ha ce he diff i (Wi kle- 2020), a d -igge- -a e f -ma i (Ma e al. 2020; Ji a d Wa g 2021; Li a d Wa g 2021).

Notations: Fi $p_0 > 2$ a d le $\mathbb{X} = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ be he ha e -a ce f -i i al c di i . M -e $e_w e_w$ e, ea l mb li he , b c-i de e he -ega i e c e f he c -e- di g Ba ach -a ce; f -i a ce, $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ a d $\mathbb{X}_+ = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$. F -1 $\leq p \leq \infty$, $\|\cdot\|_p$ de e he L^p -m i $L^p(\bar{\Omega})$. Gi e a li ea -e-a - L , he -ec-al b , d a d -ec-al -adi f L a-e de ed b $s(L)$ a d $\rho(L)$, -e- eci el . We a a li ea- d amical em $u'(t) = Lu$ (-he li ea- -e-a - L) i able if $s(L) < 0$ a d , able if $s(L) > 0$. We, e ∂_ν a d dS de e he -mal de-i a i e a d diff-e-ial f -m $\partial\Omega$. The mb l ∇, ∇^2 , a d Δ a d f - he g-adie -ec -, He ia ma-i , a d La lacia , -e- eci el . E-eciall , Δu

the space of $\nabla^2 u$. The norm $\|\cdot\|_E$ indicates the Euclidean norm for $\nabla^2 u$ while $\|\cdot\|_E$ is the Euclidean norm for $\nabla^2 u$. The bilinear form $f(1.1)$ is defined as $\Theta(t) : \mathbb{X}_+^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_+^4$ for $t \geq 0$. For a initial condition $\phi \in \mathbb{X}_+^4$, the megalinguistic ϕ is $\omega(\phi) = \bigcap_{s \geq 0} \overline{\bigcup_{t \geq s} \Theta(t)\phi}$. For a subset $D \subset \mathbb{X}_+^4$, the megalinguistic $\omega(D) = \bigcup_{\phi \in D} \omega(\phi)$. We also have D is invariant if $\Theta(t)D \subset D$. Obviously, if a subset D is invariant, then $\omega(D) \subset D$. Given a set $E \in \mathbb{X}_+^4$, which has $\Theta(t)E = E$ for all $t \geq 0$, the stable set of E is $W^s(E) = \{\phi \in \mathbb{X}_+^4 : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Theta(t)\phi = E\}$.

Basic assumptions: Throughout this paper, we assume $r_1 = r_2 = r$, and make the following biological assumptions.

- (H1) $b \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ with $b' < 0$ on $\mathbb{R}_+$. Moreover, there exists $(a, i, e) T_0 > 0$, which has $b(T_0) = 0$.
- (H2) $f, g \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+)$, which has f and g are both decreasing, and f is decreasing in i and e , and g is increasing in i and e . Also, $\partial_T f, \partial_I f, \partial_T g, \partial_I g$ are all nonnegative. Furthermore, $\partial_{VV} g$ is nonnegative, and $\partial_{II} f$ and $\partial_{VV} g$ are nonnegative. Also, $\partial_{IV} f$ and $\partial_{VI} g$ are nonnegative. Finally, $K > 0$, which has $f(T, I) \leq KTI$ and $g(T, V) \leq KTV$ for all $T, I, V \in \mathbb{R}_+$.
- (H3) $d_Z \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$, which has $d_Z > 0$ and $d'_Z \leq 0$ on $\mathbb{R}_+$.

Main results: Our main result can be summarized in the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1 (Global existence and uniqueness) *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\mathbb{X}_+ = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$. Assume (H1)-(H3). For any initial value in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$, the system (1.1) has a unique nonnegative classical solution (T, I, V, Z) satisfying*

$$(T, V, Z) \in [C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega})]^3$$

and

$$I \in C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap L_{loc}^\infty([0, \infty); W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)).$$

Moreover, there exists $C > 0$ independent of initial conditions such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\|T(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|I(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|V(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|Z(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}}) \leq C.$$

Here, $\mathbb{X} = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ and $\|u\|_{\mathbb{X}} = \|u\|_{p_0} + \|\nabla u\|_{p_0}$ for $u \in \mathbb{X}$.

Theorem 1.2 (Global dynamics) *Assume (H1)-(H3) and define*

$$R_0 := \frac{\partial_I f(T_0, 0)}{\mu_I} + \frac{k \partial_V g(T_0, 0)}{\mu_V \mu_I}.$$

Let $(T(t), I(t), V(t), Z(t))$ be any solution to (1.1) with initial value in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$.

- *If $R_0 \leq 1$, then the solution will converge to the infection-free steady state $E_0 = (T_0, 0, 0, 0)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.*

- If $R_0 > 1$, then there exists a unique CTL-inactivated steady state $E_1 = (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$. We define $R_1 := rI_1/(\mu Z_1)$ and assume that $f(T, I) = h_0(T)h_d(I)$ and $g(T, V) = h_0(T)h_i(V)$, where $h_0, h_d, h_i \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$.
 - If $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 \leq 1$, then the solution will converge to E_1 .
 - If $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 > 1$, then there exists a unique CTL-activated steady state $E_2 = (T_2, I_2, V_2, Z_2)$. Moreover, the solution converges to E_2 provided

$$d_I \geq \frac{Z_2}{4I_2} \max_{0 \leq I \leq \infty} \frac{|Id'_Z(I)|^2}{d_Z(I)}.$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \|Z\|_{L^2}^2 \leq K0$$

2.1 Global existence

First we use the following lemma which is a generalization of (Simpson et al. 2014, Lemma 3.4) and Grönwall inequality.

Lemma 2.1 *Let $t_m > 0$, $\tau \in (0, t_m)$, $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 > 0$. Assume that y is a non-negative and continuously differentiable function on $[0, t_m)$ satisfying $y'(t) + c_1 y(t) \leq h(t)$ for all $t \in (0, t_m)$, where h is a non-negative and locally integrable function on $(0, t_m)$ such that $\int_{t-\tau}^t h(s)ds \leq c_2$ for all $t \in [\tau, t_m)$. Denote $c_3 = \max\{y(0), c_2/(c_1\tau) + c_2\}$. We then have $y(j\tau) \leq c_3$ for all non-negative integer $j < t_m/\tau$, and $y(t) \leq c_3 + c_2$ for all $t \in [0, t_m)$.*

Proof We proceed by induction. It is clear that the conclusion holds immediately for $j=0$ since $y(0) \leq c_3$. Assume $y(j\tau) \leq c_3$ and $j+1 < t_m/\tau$. We consider two cases: (i) $y(s) \geq c_2/(c_1\tau)$ for all $s \in [j\tau, (j+1)\tau]$; and (ii) $y(s_0) < c_2/(c_1\tau)$ for some $s_0 \in [j\tau, (j+1)\tau]$. In the first case, since $y' + c_1 y \leq h$, we have $y((j+1)\tau) \leq y(j\tau) \leq c_3$. In the second case, since $y' + c_1 y \leq h$, we have $y((j+1)\tau) \leq y(s_0) + c_2 \leq c_3$. This completes the proof. $\square$

Now we are ready to prove the global existence of classical solutions.

Theorem 2.2 *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\mathbb{X}_+ = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$. Assume (H1)-(H3). For any initial value in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$, the system (1.1) has a unique nonnegative classical solution (T, I, V, Z) satisfying*

$$(T, V, Z) \in [C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega})]^3$$

and

$$I \in C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap L_{loc}^\infty([0, \infty); W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)).$$

Proof By using the idea in (Tao and Willem 2011, Lemma 2.1) and (Jin et al. 2018), we can prove the existence of local solutions by using the Schauder fixed point theorem and the abstract theory of monotone operators; moreover, for $t_m \in (0, \infty]$, which has the property (1.1) has a unique global classical solution (T, I, V, Z) satisfying

$$(T, V, Z) \in [C([0, t_m) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, t_m) \times \bar{\Omega})]^3$$

and

$$I \in C([0, t_m) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^{2,1}((0, t_m) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap L_{loc}^\infty([0, t_m); W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)).$$

Moreover, we have $t_m = \infty$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_m^-} (\|T(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|V(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|Z(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|I(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}}) = \infty.$$

N e ha $[0, t_m)$ i he ma im m i e al f he e i e ce f cl a i c a l l i . I f ce e ha he l i d e b l_w , a t $t \rightarrow t_m^-$. De e $\tau = \min \{1, t_m/2\}$. F c e i e ce_w e_w ill , e c de e a g e e-ic (la-ge) . i i e c a ha i i d e d e f t. We c e e d i h e f l l_w i g i e e .

Step 1. $\|T(\cdot, t)\|_\infty \leq c$.

I i e f he e e g a i i f he l i a d (H2)_w e b a i f m h e e , a i f (1.1) ha $\partial_t T \leq d_T \Delta T + b(T)$. B (H1) a d m a im m i c i l e_w e ha e $T(x, t) \leq \max \{\|T(\cdot, 0)\|_\infty, T_0\}$.

Step 2. $\|I(\cdot, t)\|_1 + \|V(\cdot, t)\|_1 + \|Z(\cdot, t)\|_1 \leq c$.

F m (1.1)_w e b a i

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (T + I + Z) dx &= \int_{\Omega} [b(T) - \mu_I I - \mu_Z Z] dx \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} [b(0) + c - T - \mu_I I - \mu_Z Z] dx. \end{aligned}$$

I he f l l_w f m G_w all i e , a l i ha $\|I(\cdot, t)\|_1 + \|Z(\cdot, t)\|_1 \leq c$. I e g a i g h e f , e h e , a i f (1.1) a d a l i g G_w all i e , a l i e i l d $\|V(\cdot, t)\|_1 \leq c$.

Step 3. F a $p > 1$, $\|I(\cdot, t)\|_p + \|V(\cdot, t)\|_p \leq c$.

M l i l i g h e c d e , a i f (1.1) b I^{p-1} a d i e g a i g e h e d m a i Ω , w e b a i

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} I^p dx &= d_I \int_{\Omega} (\Delta I) I^{p-1} dx + \int_{\Omega} [f(T, I) + g(T, V)] I^{p-1} dx \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} (r_1 Z + \mu_I) I^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

The G e e i d e i g i e

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta I) I^{p-1} dx = - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla I) \cdot ((p-1) I^{p-2} \nabla I) dx = - \frac{4(p-1)}{p^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla I^{p/2}|^2 dx.$$

O a c c , f (H2)_w e ha e

$$\int_{\Omega} [f(T, I) + g(T, V)] I^{p-1} dx \leq \int_{\Omega} K T (I^p + I^{p-1} V) dx \leq c \int_{\Omega} (I^p + V^p) dx.$$

H e c e,

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} I^p dx + \frac{4(p-1)d_I}{p^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla I^{p/2}|^2 dx \leq c \int_{\Omega} (I^p + V^p) dx. \quad (2.1)$$

S i m i l a r w e m l i l h e h i d e , a i f (1.1) b V^{p-1} a d h e a l G e e i d e i ha e

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} V^p dx + \frac{4(p-1)d_V}{p^2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla V^{p/2}|^2 dx \leq c \int_{\Omega} (I^p + V^p) dx. \quad (2.2)$$

Since $\|I\|_\infty$ is small, deduce from (H1) that $d_Z(I) \geq d_Z(c_2) > 0$.
Let $\delta_2 > 0$ be sufficiently small, then

$$d_I I + d_Z(I)Z \geq \delta_2(I + Z). \quad (2.6)$$

If $\|w\|_\infty$ is small, deduce from $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{A}^{-1/2} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow$

$$\|\mathcal{A}^{-1}(I + Z)\|_1 \leq c\|\mathcal{A}^{-1}(I + Z)\|_2 \leq c\|I + Z\|_2 \leq \delta_3\|I + Z\|_2^2 + c, \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\|\mathcal{A}^{-1/2}(I + Z)\|_2^2 \leq c\|I + Z\|_2^2, \quad (2.8)$$

where $\delta_3 > 0$ is sufficiently small. A combination of the above inequalities (2.5–2.8) yield

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_\Omega |\mathcal{A}^{-1/2}(I + Z)|$$

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Since $\|T\|_\infty + \|I\|_\infty + \|\nabla I\|_\infty + \|V\|_\infty + \|Z\|_\infty$ is bounded, hence by the Cauchy-Bolzano theorem, a $t \rightarrow t_m^-$. Then, $t_m = \infty$; namely, the solution is globally bounded. This completes the proof. $\square$

2.2 Point dissipativity

In this section, we will show that the solution is ultimately bounded by a constant independent of the initial condition. Hence, let $0 \leq t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots$ made of the initial condition. We shall use a lemma that is a consequence of Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.3 *Let $y(t) \geq 0$ be continuously differentiable, $h(t) \geq 0$ be locally integrable on $[t_0, \infty)$, and $y'(t) + C_1 y(t) \leq h(t)$ for all $t \geq t_0$, where $C_1 > 0$ and $t_0 \geq 0$. Assume $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t-1}^t h(s) ds \leq C_2$, then we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) \leq C_2/C_1 + 2C_2$.*

Proof Fix a sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, hence let $t_1 \geq t_0$ such that $\int_{t-1}^t h(s) ds \leq C_2 + \varepsilon$ for all $t \geq t_1$. We claim that there exists $t_2 \geq t_1$ such that $y(t_2) \leq (C_2 + 2\varepsilon)/C_1$; hence, if $y(t) > (C_2 + 2\varepsilon)/C_1$ for all $t \geq t_1$, which implies that $y'(t) < h(t) - (C_2 + 2\varepsilon)$ and $y(t+1) < y(t) - \varepsilon$ for all $t \geq t_1$, a contradiction. So we have $y(t_2) \leq (C_2 + 2\varepsilon)/C_1$ for some $t_2 \geq t_1$, which together with Lemma 2.1 implies that $y(t) \leq \max\{(C_2 + 2\varepsilon)/C_1 + C_2, C_2/C_1 + 2C_2\}$ for all $t \geq t_2$. Especially, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) \leq \max\{(C_2 + 2\varepsilon)/C_1 + C_2, C_2/C_1 + 2C_2\}$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, for small ε we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) \leq C_2/C_1 + 2C_2$. This completes the proof. $\square$

Now we are ready to show that the solution is ultimately bounded.

Theorem 2.4 *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\mathbb{X}_+ = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}_+)$. Assume (H1)-(H3). Let (T, I, V, Z) be the classical solution of system (1.1) obtained in Theorem 2.2. There exists $C > 0$ independent of initial conditions such that*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\|T(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|I(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|V(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}} + \|Z(\cdot, t)\|_{\mathbb{X}}) \leq C. \quad (2.11)$$

Here, $\mathbb{X} = W^{1,p_0}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ and $\|u\|_{\mathbb{X}} = \|u\|_{p_0} + \|\nabla u\|_{p_0}$ for $u \in \mathbb{X}$.

Proof We proceed by the following steps. The first step is to establish the boundedness of the solution. By Theorem 2.2 and the previous lemma, we have that the solution is bounded in L^∞ norm. The second step is to show that the solution is bounded in L^p norm for $p > 1$. For this, we use the fact that the solution is bounded in L^∞ norm and the fact that the solution is bounded in L^p norm for $p > 1$. The third step is to show that the solution is bounded in L^p norm for $p > 1$. For this, we use the fact that the solution is bounded in L^∞ norm and the fact that the solution is bounded in L^p norm for $p > 1$.

Step 1. From the first part of (1.1), we have $\partial_t T \leq d_T \Delta T + b(T)$. By (H1), we have that $b(T) \leq C_1$ for all $T \geq 0$. Hence, $\|T\|_\infty \leq C_1$ for all $t \geq t_0$. From the second part of (1.1), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (T + I + Z) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} [b(0) + C_1 - T - \mu_I I - \mu_Z Z] dx, \quad t \geq t_0$$

which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\|I\|_1 + \|Z\|_1) \leq C_2$. Analogously, from (1.1) we get $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|V\|_1 \leq C_3$.

Set $C_4 > 0$ and $t_1 \geq t_0$, then $\|I\|_1 + \|V\|_1 + \|Z\|_1 \leq C_4$ for all $t \geq t_1$. For $p > 1$, if $\|u\|_W$ is bounded, then from (1.1) and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (I^p + V^p) dx + C_5 \int_{\Omega} (I^p + V^p) dx \leq C_6, \quad t \geq t_1$$

which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\|I\|_p + \|V\|_p) \leq C_7$. Note that C_7 depends on p .

Set $C_8 > 0$ and $t_2 \geq t_1$, then $\|I\|_3 + \|V\|_3 \leq C_8$ for all $t \geq t_2$. Since $\|u\|_W$ is bounded and $p = 3$, we can have

For a $t \geq t_4 + 1$, hence $\|Z(\cdot, s)\|_2^2 \leq C_{17}$. If $\|Z(\cdot, t)\|_2^2 \leq C_{17}e^{C_{18}(C_{17}+1)}$ for all $t \geq t_4 + 1$. Especially, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|Z\|_2 \leq C_{19}$.

See 8. Theorem $C_{20} > 0$ and $t_5 \geq t_4$, then $\|Z\|_2 \leq C_{20}$ for all $t \geq t_5$. Applying (1.1) to (K_W) (see Lemma 1) (Ta and Wi (2012), Lemma A.1) we have $\|\nabla I\|_4 \leq C_{21}$ for $t \geq t_5$. For a $p > 1$, by (1.1) and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} Z^p dx + \int_{\Omega} Z^p dx \leq C_{22}, \quad t \geq t_5,$$

which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|Z\|_p \leq C_{23}$.

See 9. Theorem $C_{24} > 0$ and $t_6 \geq t_5$, then $\|Z\|_3 \leq C_{24}$ for all $t \geq t_6$. Applying (1.1) to (K_W) (see Lemma 1) we have $\|\nabla T\|_{\infty} + \|\nabla I\|_{\infty} + \|\nabla V\|_{\infty} \leq C_{25}$ for $t \geq t_6$. By the maximum principle (Ta and Wi (2012), Lemma A.1) we have $\|Z(\cdot, t)\|_p \leq C_{26}$ for all $t \geq t_6$. By (1.1) and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^2 dx \leq C_{28}, \quad t \geq t_7,$$

which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla Z\|_2^2 \leq C_{28}$.

See 11. Theorem $C_{29} > 0$ and $t_8 \geq t_7$, then $\|\nabla Z\|_2 \leq C_{29}$ for all $t \geq t_8$. Define $J := \nabla I$. If $\|J\|_p \leq C_{31}$ for all $t \geq t_8$. Especially, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|J\|_p \leq C_{32}$.

$$\partial_t J = d_I \Delta J - \mu_I J + \Psi(T, I, V, Z, \nabla T, J, \nabla Z),$$

we have

$$\Psi = (\partial_T f + \partial_T g) \nabla T + \partial_I f J + \partial_Z g \nabla Z - r J Z - r I \nabla Z.$$

It is easy to see $\|\Psi\|_2 \leq C_{30}$ for $t \geq t_8$. For each $p \in [1, \infty)$, we have $\|J\|_p \leq C_{31}$ for all $t \geq t_8$. By (1.1) and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, we have $\|J\|_p \leq C_{31}$ for all $t \geq t_8$. Especially, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|J\|_p \leq C_{32}$.

See 12. For each $p > 1$, hence $C_{33} > 0$ and $t_9 \geq t_8$, then $\|\Delta I\|_{2p} \leq C_{33}$ for all $t \geq t_9$. If $\|J\|_p \leq C_{31}$ for all $t \geq t_9$. By (1.1) and Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality, we have

$$\frac{1}{2p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} \nabla Z \cdot \nabla (\partial_t Z) dx = K_1 + K_2 + K_3, \quad (2.12)$$

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By (Maggiore, 2014, Lemma 4.2), we have $|\partial_\nu(|\nabla Z|^2)| \leq 2\kappa(\partial\Omega)|\nabla Z|^2$, where $\kappa(\partial\Omega)$ is the maximum of κ on $\partial\Omega$. If $\mathbb{I}_W$ has

$$K_{12} \leq \kappa(\partial\Omega)d_Z(0) \int_{\partial\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dS + C_{37} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx \\ - \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx.$$

It is sufficient to verify (S, Lemma 4.2, Qi et al., 2007, Remark 52.9):

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

and Cauchy inequality: $2uv \leq \varepsilon u^2 + (1/\varepsilon)v^2$ with a small $\varepsilon > 0_W$ if we have

$$K_{12} \leq C_{38} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx - \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{3} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx. \quad (2.17)$$

As we already saw from Cauchy inequality (2.15) given

$$K_{11} \leq C_{39} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{9} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx. \quad (2.18)$$

Now we have $|\Delta Z| \leq \sqrt{2}|\nabla^2 Z|_E$. We also have Cauchy inequality again: K_2 and make use of $\|\Delta I\|_{2p} \leq C_{33}$ and

$$K_2 \leq \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{9} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx \\ + \frac{d_Z(C_{11})}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} |\nabla^2 Z|_E^2 dx + C_{40} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + C_{40}. \quad (2.19)$$

According to (2.12), (2.13), (2.14), (2.16), (2.17), (2.18), and (2.19) yield

$$\frac{1}{2p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{9} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx \\ + \frac{d_Z(C_{11})}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} |\nabla^2 Z|_E^2 dx \leq C_{41} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + C_{41}.$$

For all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $|\Delta Z| \leq \sqrt{2}|\nabla^2 Z|_E$ and Cauchy inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & (C_{41} + 2) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx \\ &= (C_{41} + 2) \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla Z|^{2p-2} \nabla Z) \cdot \nabla Z dx \\ &= -(C_{41} + 2) \int_{\Omega} Z [|\nabla Z|^{2p-2} \Delta Z + (p-1)|\nabla Z|^{2p-4} \nabla(|\nabla Z|^2) \cdot \nabla Z] dx \\ &\leq \frac{d_Z(C_{11})(p-1)}{9} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-4} |\nabla(|\nabla Z|^2)|^2 dx \\ &\quad + \frac{d_Z(C_{11})}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} |\nabla^2 Z|_E^2 dx + C_{42} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} dx, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$C_{42} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p-2} dx \leq \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + C_{43}.$$

Consequently we have

$$\frac{1}{2p} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla Z|^{2p} dx \leq C_{44},$$

which implies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\nabla Z\|_{2p}^{2p} \leq C_{44}$.

Theorem 2.1 has the desired implications. $\square$

Consequently Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.4 give Theorem 1.1.

3 Global dynamics

In this section we investigate the long-time behavior of the solutions of (1.1). For $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the characteristic value $E = (T, I, V, Z)$ has the following eigenvalue problem

$$b(T) = f(T, I) + g(T, V) = (rZ + \mu_I)I, \quad V = kI/\mu_V, \quad (rI - \mu_Z)Z = 0. \quad (3.1)$$

In view of (H1) and (H2), we can easily check that (3.1) has the following solutions: the characteristic value $E_0 := (T_0, 0, 0, 0)$, the CTL-invariant value $E_1 := (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$, and the CTL-invariant value $E_2 := (T_2, I_2, V_2, Z_2)$. In the following, we will analyze the existence and stability of the characteristic value.

Proposition 3.2 *Assume (H1)-(H3). If $R_0 < 1$, then the infection-free steady state E_0 is linearly stable. If $R_0 > 1$, then E_0 is linearly unstable.*

Proof Since the linearized system is a first-order Tadmor-Zangwill system, it follows that h_w has

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$$\lim_{T \rightarrow T_0} \frac{kg(T, v(T))}{}$$

by the eig of $R_1 - 1_{\mathbf{w}}$ hence

$$R_1 := \frac{rI_1}{\mu_Z} \quad (3.6)$$

is the basic reproduction number of the immune system. We remark the above result is helpful in giving insight.

Proposition 3.3 *Assume (H1)–(H3). The CTL-inactivated steady state E_1 exists uniquely (i.e., $0 < T_1 < T_0$, $I_1 > 0$ and $V_1 > 0$) if and only if $R_0 > 1$. Moreover, if $R_0 > 1$, then E_1 is linearly stable when $R_1 < 1$ and linearly unstable when $R_1 > 1$.*

For all $\mathbf{w}$ we shall denote the eigenvalue called a multiplicity of the CTL-activated steady state $E_2 = (T_2, I_2, V_2, Z_2)$. In fact we have the following result.

Proposition 3.4 *Assume (H1)–(H3). The CTL-activated steady state E_2 exists uniquely (i.e., $0 < T_2 < T_0$, $I_2 > 0$, $V_2 > 0$ and $Z_2 > 0$) if and only if $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 > 1$. Moreover, E_2 is linearly stable whenever it exists.*

Proof From (3.1)_w we have $I_2 = \mu_Z/r$ and $V_2 = k\mu_Z/(r\mu_V)$. Therefore the eigenvalue of E_2 , if exists, $\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{w}}$ has $H(T, I_2, V_2) = 1$ has a, i, e $T_2 \in (0, T_0)$ such that $b(T_2) > \mu_I I_2$ and hence $Z_2 = [b(T_2)/I_2 - \mu_I]/r_{\mathbf{w}}$ hence

$$H(T, I, V) = \frac{f(T, I) + g(T, V)}{b(T)}$$

is strictly increasing in T, I, V due to (H1)–(H2). To achieve this we observe that $R_1 > 1$ gives $I_1 > \mu_Z/r_{\mathbf{w}}$ which entail $I_1 > \mu_Z/r = I_2$ and $V_1 = kI_1/\mu_V > V_2$. Consequently, $H(T_1, I_2, V_2)$

$\mathbb{W}$ he-e he a-iable f $\partial_T f$ a d $\partial_I f$ a-e $(T_2, I_2)_{\mathbb{W}}$ hile he a-iable f $\partial_T g$ a d $\partial_V g$ a-e (T_2, V_2) . We $\mathbb{W}$ ill $\mathbb{W}$ e b c $\mathbb{W}$ -adic i ha all eige al e f he li ea $\mathbb{W}$ e-a $\mathbb{W}$ c $\mathbb{W}$ -e $\mathbb{W}$ di g he ab e li ea $\mathbb{W}$ em ha e ega i e $\mathbb{W}$ -eal a $\mathbb{W}$. A $\mathbb{W}$, me he c $\mathbb{W}$ -a ha he-e e i $\lambda \in \mathbb{W}$ i h $\text{Re } \lambda \geq 0$ a d $\xi \geq 0$, ch ha de $(\lambda + B) = 0$, $\mathbb{W}$ he-e

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} d_T \xi - b'(T_2) + \partial_T f + \partial_T g & \partial_I f & \partial_V g & 0 \\ -\partial_T f - \partial_T g & d_I \xi + \mu_I + rZ_2 - \partial_I f & -\partial_V g & rI_2 \\ 0 & -k & d_V \xi + \mu_V & 0 \\ 0 & -[r - d'_Z(I_2)\xi]Z_2 & 0 & d_Z(I_2)\xi \end{pmatrix}.$$

A im le calc la i gi e

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 + \frac{\partial_T f + \partial_T g}{\lambda + d_T \xi}\right) \left(1 + \frac{\lambda + d_I \xi}{\mu_I + rZ_2} + \frac{rI_2[r - d'_Z(I_2)\xi]}{(\mu_I + rZ_2)[\lambda + d_Z(I_2)\xi]}\right) \\ &= \frac{\partial_I f}{\mu_I + rZ_2} + \frac{k\partial_V g}{(\mu_I + rZ_2)(\lambda + d_V \xi + \mu_V)}. \end{aligned}$$

Taki g m d l b h ide gi e

$$1 < \frac{\partial_I f}{\mu_I + rZ_2} + \frac{k\partial_V g}{\mu_V(\mu_I + rZ_2)} \leq \frac{f}{(\mu_I + rZ_2)I_2} + \frac{kg}{\mu_V(\mu_I + rZ_2)V_2} = 1,$$

a c $\mathbb{W}$ -adic i. Thi c m le e he $\mathbb{W}$ f. $\square$

3.2 Global dynamics: global attractivity and uniform persistence

I hi $\mathbb{W}$, b ec i $\mathbb{W}$ $\mathbb{W}$ ill e abli h gl bal d amic f he l i emi $\mathbb{W}$ $\Theta(t)$ f $\mathbb{W}$ em (1.1) $\mathbb{W}$ i h a i i i al c di i i $\mathbb{W}_+^4$. T b ai he c m ac e f he l i emi $\mathbb{W}$ $\mathbb{W}$ e $\mathbb{W}$ im $\mathbb{W}$ e he $\mathbb{W}$ -eg la-i f he l i b ai ed i The $\mathbb{W}$ -em 2.2. M $\mathbb{W}$ -e $\mathbb{W}$ -eci el $\mathbb{W}$ e ha e he f ll $\mathbb{W}$ i g $\mathbb{W}$ -e, l :

Lemma 3.5 Assume (H1)-(H3). Let (T, I, V, Z) be the non-negative global classical solution of the system (1.1) obtained in Theorem 2.2. Then there exist $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ and $c > 0$ such that

$$\|(T, I, V, Z)\|_{C^{2+\sigma, 1+\frac{\sigma}{2}}(\bar{\Omega} \times [1, \infty))} \leq c.$$

Proof F m The $\mathbb{W}$ -em 2.2 $\mathbb{W}$ e ca $\mathbb{W}$ d $\mathbb{W}$ $\mathbb{W}$ i i e c a c_1, c_2 , ch ha

$$0 < T(x, t), I(x, t), V(x, t), Z(x, t) \leq c_1, \quad |\nabla I(x, t)| \leq c_2 \text{ f } \mathbb{W} \text{ all } x \in \Omega \text{ a d } t > 0.$$

We $\mathbb{W}$ $\mathbb{W}$ -e he f $\mathbb{W}$ he $\mathbb{W}$ a i f (1.1) a $\partial_t Z = \nabla \cdot A + B_{\mathbb{W}}$ he-e $A = d_Z(I)\nabla Z + d'_Z(I)Z\nabla I$ a d $B = rIZ - \mu_Z Z$. Ob i $\mathbb{W}$, l, $|B| \leq c_3$ a d $|A| \leq d_Z(0)|\nabla Z| + c_4$.

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Proof O acc , f he ec d a d h i d e , a i f em (1.1)_w e b a i f m (3.7) a d G e e i d e i

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{L}_0}{dt} &= -kd_I \int_{\Omega} |\nabla I|^2 dx - \partial_V g(T_0, 0) d_V \int_{\Omega} |\nabla V|^2 dx - rk \int_{\Omega} I^2 Z dx - k\mu_I \int_{\Omega} I^2 dx \\ &\quad - \mu_V \partial_V g(T_0, 0) \int_{\Omega} V^2 dx + k \int_{\Omega} I f(T, I) dx + k \int_{\Omega} I (g(T, V) + \partial_V g(T_0, 0) V) dx, \end{aligned}$$

Si ce D_0 i (3.8) i i i el i a i a w e h a e $\|T\|_{\infty} \leq T_0$. I h e f $\|w\|_{w}$ f m (H2) h a f $f(T, I) \leq f(T_0, I) \leq \partial_I f(T_0, 0) I$ a d $g(T, V) \leq g(T_0, V) \leq \partial_T g(T_0, 0) V$. S b i , i g h e e i h e a b e e , a i g i e

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{L}_0}{dt} &\leq \int_{\Omega} k[\partial_I f(T_0, 0) - \mu_I] I^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} 2k \partial_V g(T_0, 0) I V dx - \int_{\Omega} \mu_V \partial_V g(T_0, 0) V^2 dx \\ &= -\mu_V \partial_V g(T_0, 0) \int_{\Omega} (V - \frac{k}{\mu_I} I)^2 dx + k\mu_I (R_0 - 1) \int_{\Omega} I^2 dx \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

beca e $R_0 \leq 1$. The la ge i i el i a i a ce e f $d\mathcal{L}_0/dt = 0$ i D_0 i a i i g l e $\{E_0\}$. Ob i , $l, \omega(\phi) \in D_0$ f a $\phi \in D_0$. B LaSalle i a i a ce i c i l e , E_0 i g l b a l l a i a c i e i D_0 ; a m e l , D_0 i a , b e f $W^s(E_0)$, h e a b l e e f E_0 . N_w , f a i i i a l a b e $\phi \in \mathbb{X}_+^4$, h e m e g a l i m i e $\omega(\phi)$ i i e a l l c h a i a i i e (Zha 2017, Lemma 1.2.1) a d $\omega(\phi) \subset D_0$. O acc , f (Zha 2017, The m 1.2.1), E_0 i g l b a l l a i a c i e i $\mathbb{X}_+^4$. I f f a h e , $R_0 < 1$, h e P i i 3.2 i m l i e h a E_0 i a c , a l l g l b a l l a m i c a l l a b l e. $\square$

I f $R_0 < 1$, e m a , e a i m i l a a g m e a i (Bai a d Wi k l e 2016) f a h e g l b a l a i a c i e e f E_0 . H_w e e , f h e c i c a l c a e $R_0 = 1_w$ e h a l l a l h e LaSalle i a i a ce i c i l e a i h e a b e f.

N e w e_w i l l e l e h e c d i i f h e g l b a l a b i l i f $E_1 = (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$ a d $E_2 = (T_2, I_2, V_2, Z_2)$. T h i e d w e a , m e h a h e i c i d e c e f c i a k e h e f $\|w\|_w$ i g f m :

$$(H4) \quad f(T, I) = h_0(T)h_d(I) \text{ a d } g(T, V) = h_0(T)h_i(V)_{w} \text{ h e e } h_0, h_d, h_i \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+).$$

Remark 3.8 W e h , l d i , h a h h e i (H4) i i g e , b e c a e i c a b e a i e d b m a f m f $f(T, I)$ a d $g(T, V)$ i c l d i g h e m a a c i i c i d e c e $f(T, I) = \beta_d T I$, $g(T, V) = \beta_i T V$, e d i i m l a i , e e S e c . 4.1 f a d e a i l . I f a c , h h e i (H4) i l , e d f a h e g l b a l a b i l i f h e h m g e e , e a d a e E_1 a d E_2 . F a h e l i e a a b i l i f E_0, E_1, E_2 a d h e l i e a a b i l i f E_0 , h h e i (H4) c a b e m e d . H e c e , i i a a l , d h e g l b a l a b i l i f h e C T L - i a c i a e d / a c i a e d e a d a e_w i h , a , m i (H4) i f a f a e w k .

Ne f m (H2) a d (H4) ha $h'_0 > 0$. Thi ge he $_{\mathbf{w}}$ i h G-ee ide i im lie ha he i eg-ali he e e i f $d\mathcal{L}_1/dt$ i m e ha e . Simila-l , i f ll $_{\mathbf{w}}$ f m G-ee ide i ha he ec d a d hi-d i eg-ali a e i i e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ hile he f i h i eg-ali e , al e . The ef e, $d\mathcal{L}_1/dt \leq \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{M}_1 dx$.

Ne $_{\mathbf{w}}$ e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ ill h $_{\mathbf{w}}$ ha $\mathcal{M}_1 \leq 0$. Si ce $E_1 = (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$ a i e he e , a i (3.1) a d $R_1 = rI_1/\mu_Z_{\mathbf{w}}$ e ca e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ i e $b(T) = b(T) - b(T_1) + h_0(T_1)[h_d(I_1) + h_i(V_1)]$, $\mu_I = h_0(T_1)[h_d(I_1) + h_i(V_1)]/I_1$, $k = \mu_V V_1/I_1$, a d $rI_1 - \mu_Z = \mu_Z(R_1 - 1)$. C e e e l ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_1 = & \left[1 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} \right] [b(T) - b(T_1)] + \mu_Z(R_1 - 1)Z \\ & + h_0(T_1)[h_d(I_1)\mathcal{M}_{11} + h_i(V_1)\mathcal{M}_{12}], \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

$_{\mathbf{w}}$ he e

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{11} = & 1 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} + \frac{h_d(I)}{h_d(I_1)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_d(I)}{I h_0(T_1) h_d(I_1)} + 1 - \frac{I}{I_1}, \\ \mathcal{M}_{12} = & 1 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} + \frac{h_i(V)}{h_i(V_1)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_i(V)}{I h_0(T_1) h_i(V_1)} + 1 - \frac{I}{I_1} + \frac{I}{I_1} - \frac{V}{V_1} - \frac{V_1 I}{V I_1} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

B addi g a d , b-ac i g 2 - $\frac{I h_d(I_1)}{I_1 h_d(I)_{\mathbf{w}}}$ e b ai

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{11} = & \left[3 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_d(I)}{I h_0(T_1) h_d(I_1)} - \frac{I h_d(I_1)}{I_1 h_d(I)} \right] + \left[\frac{h_d(I)}{h_d(I_1)} - 1 - \frac{I}{I_1} + \frac{I h_d(I_1)}{I_1 h_d(I)} \right], \\ = & \left[3 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_d(I)}{I h_0(T_1) h_d(I_1)} - \frac{I h_d(I_1)}{I_1 h_d(I)} \right] + \left[\frac{h_d(I)}{h_d(I_1)} - 1 \right] \left[1 - \frac{I h_d(I_1)}{I_1 h_d(I)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Simila-l , b addi g a d , b-ac i g 3 - $\frac{V h_i(V_1)}{V_1 h_i(V)_{\mathbf{w}}}$ e b ai

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{12} = & \left[4 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_i(V)}{I h_0(T_1) h_i(V_1)} - \frac{V h_i(V_1)}{V_1 h_i(V)} - \frac{I V_1}{I_1 V} \right] \\ & + \left[\frac{h_i(V)}{h_i(V_1)} - 1 - \frac{V}{V_1} + \frac{V h_i(V_1)}{V_1 h_i(V)} \right] \\ = & \left[4 - \frac{h_0(T_1)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_1 h_0(T) h_i(V)}{I h_0(T_1) h_i(V_1)} - \frac{V h_i(V_1)}{V_1 h_i(V)} - \frac{I V_1}{I_1 V} \right] \\ & + \left[\frac{h_i(V)}{h_i(V_1)} - 1 \right] \left[1 - \frac{V h_i(V_1)}{V_1 h_i(V)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

O acc , f (H2) a d (H4) $_{\mathbf{w}}$ e ha e $h'_d > 0$ a d $h''_d \leq 0$. Thi ge he $_{\mathbf{w}}$ i h Ca ch i e , ali im lie $\mathcal{M}_{11} \leq 0$. Simila-l $_{\mathbf{w}}$ e b ai f m (H2), (H4) a d Ca ch i e , ali ha $\mathcal{M}_{12} \leq 0$. M e e , i i e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ f (H1), (H2) a d (H4) $_{\mathbf{w}}$ e ha e $b' < 0$ a d $h'_0 > 0$. He ce, he e e m i he e e i f $\mathcal{M}_1$ i (3.11) i i e . The ec d e m i al m e ha e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ he $R_1 \leq 1$. C mbi i g he e $_{\mathbf{w}}$ i h i i e e f $\mathcal{M}_{11}$ a d $\mathcal{M}_{12}$ i eld $\mathcal{M}_1 \leq 0$ a d $d\mathcal{L}_1/dt \leq 0$.

The large ω -invariant set of $d\mathcal{L}_1/dt = 0$ is D_1 is a single $\{E_1\}$. Since $\omega(D_1) \subset D_1$ by Poincaré's theorem 3.6_w we have a global LaSalle invariant set $\omega(D_1) \subset W^s(E_1)$. Now we consider the initial condition $\phi \in [\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$. If again $\phi|_{W^s} \in \mathcal{M}_w$ then by 3.6 we have $\omega(\phi) \subset D_1$. By (Zha (2017), Lemma 1.2.1), $\omega(\phi)$ is invariant and chain-recurrent. Applying (Zha 2017, Theorem 1.2.1) yields $\omega(\phi) = E_1$. This set is globally attractive in E_1 in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4_w$ if $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 \leq 1$. If further, $R_1 < 1$, then $\mathcal{M}_w$ is bounded in $\mathcal{M}_w$ by 3.3 and E_1 is globally asymptotically stable in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$. $\square$

The following result holds, if moreover we assume Z_w is bounded and $R_1 > 1$.

Proposition 3.10 *Assume (H1)–(H4). Let (T, I, V, Z) be the solution of (1.1) with initial condition in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$. If $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 > 1$, then there exists $\delta_2 > 0$, independent of initial condition, such that*

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \min_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} Z(x, t) \geq \delta_2.$$

Proof Define $\mathcal{X}_2 = \mathbb{X}_+ \times [\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^3$ and $\partial\mathcal{X}_2 = \mathbb{X}_+ \times [\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^2 \times \{0\}$. Let M_2 be the large ω -invariant set in $\partial\mathcal{X}_2$. Using a similar argument as in the proof of 3.6_w we deduce that $E_1 = (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$ is globally attractive in M_2 . Now, we consider the age-related dynamics $\eta_2(u) = \min_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} u_4(x)$ for $u \in \mathbb{X}_+^4$. If $\phi|_{W^s} \in \mathcal{M}_w$ then $\eta_1(\Theta(t)\phi) > 0$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{X}_2$. Note that $\eta_2^{-1}(0, \infty) \subset \mathcal{X}_2$. Hence, the condition (P) in (Smith and Zha 2001, Section 3) is satisfied. We also have h_w on $W^s(E_1) \cap \eta_2^{-1}(0, \infty) = \emptyset$. As a consequence, the semiflow starting from $\mathcal{X}_2$, the limit $(T, I, V, Z) \rightarrow (T_1, I_1, V_1, 0)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $t_2 > 0$ such that $\partial_t Z \geq \Delta[d_Z(I)Z] + \varepsilon_2 Z_w$ where $\varepsilon_2 = (rI_2 - \mu_Z)/2 > 0$. By comparison, we have $\int_{\Omega} Z(x, t) dx \geq e^{\varepsilon_2(t-t_2)} \int_{\Omega} Z(x, t_2) dx_w$ which contradicts the assumption $Z \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, $\mathcal{M}_w$ is bounded in $\mathcal{M}_w$ (Smith and Zha 2001, Theorem 3) has $\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_2(\Theta(t)\phi) \geq \delta_2$ for some $\delta_2 > 0$ independent of the initial condition $\phi \in \mathcal{X}_2$. $\square$

Now we have the global attractivity in (a_w) in the globally asymptotically stable $E_2 = (T_2, I_2, V_2, Z_2)$ and the following lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_2(T, I, V, Z) := & \int_{\Omega} \left(T - T_2 - \int_{T_2}^T \frac{h_0(T_2)}{h_0(\theta)} d\theta \right) dx + \int_{\Omega} \left(I - I_2 - I_2 \ln \frac{I}{I_2} \right) dx \\ & + \frac{h_0(T_2)h_i(V_2)}{\mu_V V_2} \int_{\Omega} \left(V - V_2 - V_2 \ln \frac{V}{V_2} \right) dx \\ & + \int_{\Omega} \left(Z - Z_2 - Z_2 \ln \frac{Z}{Z_2} \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

denote the ω -invariant set

$$D_2 = \{\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4) \in \mathbb{X}_+^4 : \phi_i(x) > 0 \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ and } x \in \bar{\Omega}\}.$$

Similar to D_1 defined in (3.10), here D_2 is a linear operator. For a $\phi \in D_{2_{W_2}}$ we have $\Theta(t)\phi \in D_2$. H_{W_2} is a linear operator, h_{W_2} has $\omega(\phi) \in D_{2_{W_2}}$ we need make, we have the following Proposition 3.6 and 3.10.

Theorem 3.11 Assume (H1)–(H4). Let (T, I, V, Z) be the solution of (1.1) with initial condition in $[\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$. If $R_0 > 1$ and $R_1 > 1$, then the CTL-activated steady state E_2 is globally asymptotically stable provided

$$d_I \geq \frac{Z_2}{4I_2} \max_{0 \leq I \leq \infty} \frac{|Id'_Z(I)|^2}{d_Z(I)}. \quad (3.12)$$

Proof Using a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 3.9, we have a similar calculation and a similar formula for $d\mathcal{L}_2/dt = \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{M}_2 dx$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_2 = & -\frac{d_T h_0(T_2) h'_0(T)}{h_0^2(T)} |\nabla T|^2 - \frac{d_V h_0(T_2) h_i(V_2)}{\mu_V V^2} |\nabla V|^2 \\ & - \frac{d_I I_2}{I^2} |\nabla I|^2 - \frac{Z_2 d_Z(I)}{Z^2} |\nabla Z|^2 - \frac{Z_2 d'_Z(I)}{Z} (\nabla I \cdot \nabla Z) \\ & + h_0(T_2) h_d(I_2) \left(\frac{h_d(I)}{h_d(I_2)} - 1 \right) \left(1 - \frac{I h_d(I_2)}{I_2 h_d(I)} \right) \\ & + h_0(T_2) h_i(V_2) \left(\frac{h_i(V)}{h_i(V_2)} - 1 \right) \left(1 - \frac{V h_i(V_2)}{V_2 h_i(V)} \right) \\ & + \left(1 - \frac{h_0(T_2)}{h_0(T)} \right) [b(T) - b(T_2)] \\ & + h_0(T_2) h_d(I_2) \left(3 - \frac{h_0(T_2)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_2 h_0(T) h_d(I)}{I h_0(T_2) h_d(I_2)} - \frac{I h_d(I_2)}{I_2 h_d(I)} \right) \\ & + h_0(T_2) h_i(V_2) \left(4 - \frac{h_0(T_2)}{h_0(T)} - \frac{I_2 h_0(T) h_i(V)}{I h_0(T_2) h_i(V_2)} - \frac{V h_i(V_2)}{V_2 h_i(V)} - \frac{I V_2}{I_2 V} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The result is the same as in the proof of $\mathcal{M}_2$ in the previous lemma. The conclusion is the same as in (3.12). The last conclusion is the same as in the previous lemma because $h'_0 > 0$, $h'_d > 0$, $h'_i > 0$ and $b' < 0$. Consequently, we have $\mathcal{M}_2 \leq 0$ and $d\mathcal{L}_2/dt \leq 0$. The large result is the same as in the proof of $d\mathcal{L}_2/dt = 0$ in D_2 is a single $\{E_2\}$. For a $\phi \in D_2$, if $\| \phi \|_{W_2} = 0$ then Proposition 3.6 and 3.10 have $\omega(\phi) \in D_2$. By LaSalle's invariance principle, $D_2 \subset W^s(E_2)$. Now, for a $\phi \in [\mathbb{X}_+ \setminus \{0\}]^4$, we have Proposition 3.6 and 3.10, we will have $\omega(\phi) \in D_2$. Moreover, (Zha 2017, Lemma 1.2.1) implies that $\omega(\phi)$ is the only chain recurrent point. By (Zha 2017, Theorem 1.2.1), E_2 is globally asymptotically stable.

4 Simulations and discussions

4.1 Simulations

In this section, we describe the numerical implementation of the model in the following.

$$\begin{aligned} b(T) &= \lambda_c - \mu_T T + \lambda_I T(1 - T/K_T), \quad f(T, I) = \beta_d T I, \quad g(T, V) \\ &= \beta_i T V, \quad d_Z(I) = d_0 e^{-I}. \end{aligned}$$

The parameter values are chosen to be consistent with the available literature (Kumar et al. 2003; Li and Shu 2012; Shu et al. 2014):

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_c &= 10, \quad \mu_T = 0.02, \quad \lambda_I = 0.005, \quad K_T = 1500, \quad \beta_d = 0.003, \quad \beta_i = 0.0027, \\ \mu_I &= 3, \quad \mu_V = 2.4, \quad \mu_Z = 0.3, \quad r_1 = r_2 = r = 0.3, \quad k = 3, \\ d_T &= 0.01, \quad d_I = 0.01, \quad d_V = 0.1, \quad d_0 = 0.01. \end{aligned}$$

Of the model, we have decreased the infection rate λ_c of the susceptible population, we have $d_Z(I) = d_0 e^{-I}$ with $d_0 = 0.001$. The above differential equations d_T, d_I , and d_V are also included. Based on the biological fact, the differential equations do not affect the global dynamics. The constant β_w has λ_c and the logistic β_w has λ_I of the aged cell w and the cell-cell infection rate β_d are also included. The remaining infected cell r_1 and the recovery rate r_2 of CTL r_w will be assigned from 0.3 to 1 in the case $R_1 < 1$ and $R_1 > 1$, respectively; we have $r_1 = 1$ (Li and Shu 2012; Shu et al. 2014). The details are a detailed description of the parameter values listed in Table 1.

It can be calculated that $T_0 \approx 589$. The domain is $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$. We choose the initial condition as the uninfected state $E_0 = (T_0, 0, 0, 0)$:

$$T(x, 0) = T_0, \quad I(x, 0) = V(x, 0) = Z(x, 0) = e^{-100[(x_1-0.5)^2 + (x_2-0.5)^2]}.$$

Table 1 Parameter values and conditions

Parameter value	Description	Reference
$\mu_T = 0.02$	Death rate of aged cell	(Li and Shu 2012)
$K_T = 1500$	Carrying capacity of aged cell	(Li and Shu 2012)
$\beta_i = 0.0027$	Virion-cell interaction rate	(Li and Shu 2012)
$\mu_I = 3$	Death rate of infected cell	(Li and Shu 2012)
$\mu_V = 2.4$	Death rate of virus	(Li and Shu 2012)
$k = 3$	Production rate of CTL	(Li and Shu 2012)
$\mu_Z = 0.3$	Death rate of CTL	(Kumar et al. 2003)

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