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Modelling the Drugs Therapy for HIV Infection with Discrete-Time Delay

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A discrete-time-delay differential mathematical model that described HIV infection of $CD4^+$ T cells with drugs therapy is analyzed. The stability of the two equilibria and the existence of Hopf bifurcation at the positive equilibrium are investigated. Using the normal form theory and center manifold argument, the explicit formulas which determine the stability, the direction, and the period of bifurcating periodic solutions are derived. Numerical simulations are carried out to explain the mathematical conclusions.

1. Introduction

Recently there has been a substantial effort in the mathematical modelling of virus dynamics [1–8]. These models focus on uninfected target cells, infected cells that are producing virus, and virus. A basic mathematical model describing HIV infection dynamic model is of the following form which has been studied in [5, 9]:

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = s - \mu_1 T(t) - kT(t) V(t),$$

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = kT(t) V(t) - \delta I(t), \qquad (1)$$

$$\frac{dV(t)}{dt} = N\delta I(t) - cV(t).$$

In system (1), the following variables are includes: T(t) uninfected cells at time t (unit is cells mm⁻³), I(t) infected cells at time t (unit is cells mm⁻³), and V(t) virus at time t (unit is virions mm⁻³). Parameters μ_1 , δ , and c are the death rates of the uninfected T cells, the infected T cells, and the virus particles, respectively. k is the contact rate between uninfected T cells and the virus particles. N is the average number of virus particles produced by an infected T cell.

Reverse transcriptase inhibitors (RTIs) are a class of antiretroviral drugs used to treat HIV infection. RTIs

inhibitors work by inhibiting the action of reverse transcriptase. RTIs inhibit the activity of reverse transcriptase, a viral DNA polymerase enzyme that retroviruses need to reproduce. In [10], Srivastava et al. developed a mathematical model for primary infection with RTIs. They subdivided the infected cells class in two subclasses: pre-RT (denoted by $I_1(t)$) and post-RT (denoted by $I_2(t)$). They assumed that a virus enters a resting CD4⁺ T cell, the viral RNA may not be completely reverse transcribed into DNA, the unintegrated virus may decay with time and partial DNA transcripts are labile and degrade quickly [11, 12]. And they also assumed that a fraction of cells $\eta a I_1(t)$ in pre-RT class reverts back to uninfected class and the remaining $(1 - \eta)aI_1(t)$ proceeds to post-RT class and becomes productively infected due to presence of RT inhibitors. The model of Srivastava et al. is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT(t)}{dt} &= s - \mu_1 T(t) - kT(t) V(t) + (\eta a + b) I_1(t), \\ \frac{dI_1(t)}{dt} &= kT(t) V(t) - (d + a + b) I_1(t), \\ \frac{dI_2(t)}{dt} &= (1 - \eta) a I_1(t) - \delta I_2(t), \\ \frac{dV(t)}{dt} &= N \delta I_2(t) - cV(t), \end{aligned}$$

(2)

where $0 < \eta < 1$ is the efficacy of reverse transcriptase inhibitors (RTIs), *a* is the transition rate from pre-RT (i.e., $I_1(t)$) infected CD4⁺ T cells class to productively post-RT (i.e., $I_2(t)$) which is a productively infected class, and *b* is the reverting rate of infected cells to uninfected class due to noncompletion of reverse transcription [11, 12].

Protease inhibitors (PIs) are a class of drugs used to treat or prevent infection by viruses, including HIV and hepatitis C. PIs prevent viral replication by inhibiting the activity of HIV-1 protease, an enzyme used by the viruses to cleave nascent proteins for final assembly of new virus. The new virous are noninfectious. Virions that were created prior to drug treatment remain infectious. Thus, in the presence of a protease inhibitor, two types of virus particles (i.e., infectious virions and noninfectious virions) should be considered [5]. We need the drug to be highly effective if we use single drug to treat. Hence, combination anti-HIV therapy is now the standard of care for people with HIV. So far as we know, there are few mathematical models about the effects of combination anti-HIV therapy [7, 13]. Therefore, considering the effects of both RTIs and PIs, model (2) can be modified to

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = s - \mu_1 T(t) - kT(t) V_1(t) + (\eta a + b) I_1(t),$$

$$\frac{dI_1(t)}{dt} = kT(t) V_1(t) - (d + a + b) I_1(t),$$

$$\frac{dI_2(t)}{dt} = (1 - \eta) aI_1(t) - \delta I_2(t),$$

$$\frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} = (1 - p) N \delta I_2(t) - cV_1(t),$$

$$\frac{dV_2(t)}{dt} = p N \delta I_2(t) - cV_2(t),$$
(3)

where variables $V_1(t)$ and $V_2(t)$ denote infectious and noninfectious virus at time t, respectively. And $V(t) = V_1(t) + V_2(t)$ is the total virus concentration at time t. Parameter $p \in [0, 1]$ denotes the effectiveness of PIs with p = 1 meaning that the therapy with PIs is 100% effective and no newly infectious virus particles will be produced [5].

In the real situation, there may be a delay between the time target cells which are contacted by the virus particles and the time the contacted cells become actively affected meaning that the contacting virions enter cells. Hence, time delays of one type or another have been incorporated into viral dynamical models by many authors. The first model that included this type "intracellular" delay was developed by Herz et al. [14] and assumed that cells became productively infected time units after HIV initial infection. Nelson et al. [15] extend the development of delay models of HIV infection and treatment to the general case of combination antiviral therapy that is less than completely efficacious. Recently, in studying the viral clearance rates, Perelson et al. [9] assumed that there are two types of delays that occur between the administration of drug and the observed decline in viral load: a pharmacological delay that occurs between the ingestion of drug and its appearance within cells and an intracellular delay that is between initial infection of a cell by HIV and the release

of new virions. Furthermore, the growth of CD4⁺ T cells in humans is not well understood.

Recently, studies in various fields such as biology, control, economy, chemistry, and electrodynamics have shown that delay differential equations play an important role in explaining many different phenomena [16–20]. Srivastava et al. [10] proposed and analyzed a mathematical model for the effect of RTIs on the dynamics of HIV. In [21], Culshaw and Ruan have considered that the basic model of HIV infection in host was extended to incorporate logistic growth and an intracellular delay. However, none of these models have incorporated antiretroviral therapy, logistic growth of the CD4⁺ T cell, and intracellular delay. Here, we build on the basic model of HIV pathogenesis in host, adding the effects of antiretroviral therapy, logistic growth of the CD4⁺ T cell, and intracellular delay. Hence, we can obtain the following model:

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = s + rT(t) \left(1 - \frac{T(t)}{T_{\max}}\right) - \mu_1 T(t)
- kT(t) V_1(t) + (\eta a + b) I_1(t),
\frac{dI_1(t)}{dt} = kT(t - \tau) V_1(t - \tau) - (d + a + b) I_1(t),
\frac{dI_2(t)}{dt} = (1 - \eta) aI_1(t) - \delta I_2(t),
\frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} = (1 - p) N \delta I_2(t) - cV_1(t),
\frac{dV_2(t)}{dt} = p N \delta I_2(t) - cV_2(t).$$
(4)

In model (4), T(t), $I_1(t)$, $I_2(t)$, $V_1(t)$, and $V_2(t)$ represent the density of susceptible CD4⁺ T cells, infected CD4⁺ T cells before reverse transcription (i.e., those infected cells which are in pre-RT class), infected CD4⁺ T cells in which reverse transcription is completed (post-RT class), infectious virus, and noninfectious virus at time t, respectively. The meaning of the parameters are as follows: s is the source term for uninfected CD4⁺ T cell, k is the rate at which CD4⁺ T cell becomes infected with virus, μ_1 is the death rate of healthy $CD4^+$ T cell, η is the efficacy of RTIs, *a* is the transition rate from pre-RT infected CD4⁺ T cells to productively post-RT, b is the reverting rate of infected cells to uninfected class, d is the death rate of infected T cells, δ is the death rate of actively infected T cells I_2 , N is the number of virions produced by infected CD4⁺ T cells, c is the clearance rate of virus, r is the maximum proliferation rate, T_{max} is the T cell population density at which proliferation shuts off, p is the efficacy of protease inhibitor, and τ is the "intracellular" delay.

Note that the non-infectious HIV virus $V_2(t)$ does not appear in the first four equations of system (4). Thus, we can consider the following subsystem of system (4):

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = s + rT(t) \left(1 - \frac{T(t)}{T_{\max}}\right) - \mu_1 T(t) - kT(t) V_1(t) + (\eta a + b) I_1(t),$$

$$\frac{dI_{1}(t)}{dt} = kT(t-\tau)V_{1}(t-\tau) - (d+a+b)I_{1}(t),$$

$$\frac{dI_{2}(t)}{dt} = (1-\eta)aI_{1}(t) - \delta I_{2}(t),$$

$$\frac{dV_{1}(t)}{dt} = (1-p)N\delta I_{2}(t) - cV_{1}(t).$$
(5)

In this paper, we will discuss the dynamics of model (5). This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present some preliminaries about system (5), for example, the positivity of solutions and the expression of equilibria. We discuss the local stability of the uninfected equilibrium in Section 3. In Section 4, we discuss the local stability and Hopf bifurcation at the infected equilibrium. In Section 5, the direction and stability of the local Hopf bifurcation are established. In Section 6, some numerical simulations are performed to illustrate the analytical results found. A brief discussion is presented in the last section.

2. Preliminaries

System (5) is a system of delay differential equations. For such a system, initial functions need to be specified and wellposedness needs to be addressed. We denote by \mathbb{C} the Banach space of continuous functions $\varphi : [-\tau, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ with norm

$$\left\|\varphi\right\| = \sup_{-\tau \le \varsigma \le 0} \left\{ \left|\varphi_{1}\left(\varsigma\right)\right|, \left|\varphi_{2}\left(\varsigma\right)\right|, \left|\varphi_{3}\left(\varsigma\right)\right|, \left|\varphi_{4}\left(\varsigma\right)\right| \right\}, \quad (6)$$

where $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4)$. As usual, the initial condition of (5) is given as

$$T(\varsigma) = \varphi_{1}(\varsigma), \qquad I_{1}(0) = \varphi_{2}(0), \qquad I_{2}(0) = \varphi_{3}(0),$$
$$V_{1}(\varsigma) = \varphi_{4}(\varsigma), \quad \varsigma \in [-\tau, 0],$$
(7)

where the initial function $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4)$ belongs to the Banach space $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^4)$ of continuous functions mapping the initial $[-\tau, 0]$ into \mathbb{R}^4 . For biological reasons, the initial functions are assumed as

$$T(\varsigma) = \varphi_{1}(\varsigma) \ge 0,$$

$$\varsigma \in [-\tau, 0], \quad \varphi_{1}(0) > 0;$$

$$I_{1}(0) = \varphi_{2}(0) > 0;$$

$$I_{2}(0) = \varphi_{3}(0) > 0;$$

$$V_{1}(\varsigma) = \varphi_{4}(\varsigma) \ge 0, \quad \varsigma \in [-\tau, 0], \quad \varphi_{4}(0) > 0.$$

(8)

In this paper, we will discuss the dynamical behavior of system (5) with the initial conditions in (8). By the fundamental theory of functional differential equations [22], we know that there is a unique solution $(T(t), I_1(t), I_2(t), V_1(t))$ to system (5) with initial conditions (8).

Firstly, we present the positivity of the solutions. System (5) can be put into the matrix form

$$\dot{X}(t) = G(X(t)), \qquad (9)$$

where $X(t) = (T(t), I_1(t), I_2(t), V_1(t))^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and G(X(t)) is given by

$$\begin{split} G\left(X\left(t\right)\right) &= \begin{pmatrix} G_{1}\left(X\left(t\right)\right) \\ G_{2}\left(X\left(t\right)\right) \\ G_{3}\left(X\left(t\right)\right) \\ G_{4}\left(X\left(t\right)\right) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} s + rT\left(t\right) \left(1 - \frac{T\left(t\right)}{T_{\max}}\right) - \mu_{1}T\left(t\right) - kT\left(t\right)V_{1}\left(t\right) + \left(\eta a + b\right)I_{1}\left(t\right) \\ kT\left(t - \tau\right)V_{1}\left(t - \tau\right) - \left(d + a + b\right)I_{1}\left(t\right) \\ \left(1 - \eta\right)aI_{1}\left(t\right) - \delta I_{2}\left(t\right) \\ \left(1 - p\right)N\delta I_{2}\left(t\right) - cV_{1}\left(t\right) \end{pmatrix} \end{split} \right). \end{split}$$
(10)

Let $\mathbb{R}^4_+ = [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty)$ be the nonnegative octant in \mathbb{R}^4 ; $G : \mathbb{R}^{4+1}_+ \to \mathbb{R}^4$, $G \in \mathbb{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^4)$ (where *G* is a function of the variable $X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^4_+$) is locally Lipschitz and satisfies the condition

$$G_i(X(t))\Big|_{x_i(t)=0, X(t)\in\mathbb{R}^4_+} \ge 0,$$
 (11)

where $x_1(t) = T(t)$, $x_2(t) = I_1(t)$, $x_3(t) = I_2(t)$, and $x_4(t) = V_1(t)$.

Due to lemma in [23] any solution of (9) with $X(\varsigma) \in \mathbb{C}_+$, say $X(t) = X(t, X(\varsigma))$, is such that $X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^4_+$ for all $t \ge 0$.

System (5) has an uninfected (boundary) equilibrium and an infected (positive) steady state. The uninfected equilibrium is $E_0(T_0, 0, 0, 0)$, where

$$T_{0} = \frac{T_{\max}}{2r} \left[r - \mu_{1} + \sqrt{\left(r - \mu_{1}\right)^{2} + \frac{4rs}{T_{\max}}} \right].$$
 (12)

The infected equilibrium is $E^*(T^*, I_1^*, I_2^*, V_1^*)$, where

$$T^{*} = \frac{c (d + a + b)}{(1 - p) (1 - \eta) k N a},$$

$$I_{1}^{*} = \frac{1}{d + (1 - \eta) a} \left[s - dT^{*} + rT^{*} \left(1 - \frac{T^{*}}{T_{\max}} \right) \right],$$

$$I_{2}^{*} = \frac{(1 - \eta) a}{\delta \left[d + (1 - \eta) a \right]} \left[s - dT^{*} + rT^{*} \left(1 - \frac{T^{*}}{T_{\max}} \right) \right],$$

$$V_{1}^{*} = \frac{(1 - p) (1 - \eta) N a}{c \left[d + (1 - \eta) a \right]} \left[s - dT^{*} + rT^{*} \left(1 - \frac{T^{*}}{T_{\max}} \right) \right].$$
(13)

The basic reproductive number is given as $\mathcal{R}_0 = T_0/T^*$. The basic reproductive number \mathcal{R}_0 measures the average number virus-producing target cells produced by an single virus-producing target cell during its entire infectious period in an entirely uninfected targeT cell population [24, 25]. It is easy to see that $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ ensures the existence of the infected equilibrium E^* .

3. Stability of Uninfected Equilibrium E₀

In this section, we will discuss the stability of the uninfected equilibrium $E_0(T_0, 0, 0, 0)$.

Let $\overline{E}(\overline{T}, \overline{I}_1, \overline{I}_2, \overline{V}_1)$ be any arbitrary equilibrium. To study the stability of the steady state \overline{E} , let us define

$$x(t) = T(t) - \overline{T}, \qquad y_1(t) = I_1(t) - \overline{I}_1,$$

$$y_2(t) = I_2(t) - \overline{I}_2, \qquad z(t) = V_1(t) - \overline{V}_1.$$
(14)

Then, the linearized system of (5) around the equilibrium \overline{E} is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = A_1 \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} + A_2 \begin{pmatrix} x(t-\tau) \\ y_1(t-\tau) \\ y_2(t-\tau) \\ z(t-\tau) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

where A_1 and A_2 are 4×4 matrices given by

$$A_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu_{1} + r - \frac{2r\overline{T}}{T_{\max}} - k\overline{V}_{1} & \eta a + b & 0 & -k\overline{T} \\ 0 & -a - b - d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \eta)a & -\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - p)N\delta & -c \end{pmatrix},$$
$$A_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k\overline{V}_{1} & 0 & 0 & k\overline{T} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(16)

Hence, the characteristic equation of system (5) at \overline{E} is given by

$$\det\left(A + Be^{-\lambda\tau} - \lambda\mathcal{F}\right) = 0, \tag{17}$$

where \mathcal{I} is a 4 × 4 identity matrix that is,

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\mu_{1} + r - \frac{2r\overline{T}}{T_{\max}} - k\overline{V}_{1} - \lambda & \eta a + b & 0 & -k\overline{T} \\ k\overline{V}_{1}e^{-\lambda\tau} & -a - b - d - \lambda & 0 & k\overline{T}e^{-\lambda\tau} \\ 0 & (1 - \eta)a & -\delta - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - p)N\delta & -c - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$
(18)

Theorem 1. (1) If $\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$, E_0 is locally asymptotically stable for any time delay $\tau \ge 0$. (2) If $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$, E_0 is unstable for any time delay $\tau \ge 0$. (3) If $\mathcal{R}_0 = 1$, it is a critical case.

Proof. For uninfected equilibrium E_0 , (18) reduces to

$$\left(r-\mu_1-\frac{2rT_0}{T_{\max}}-\lambda\right)\left[\lambda^3+b_1\lambda^2+b_2\lambda+b_3+c_3e^{-\lambda\tau}\right]=0,$$
(19)

where

$$b_{1} = a + b + d + \delta + c,$$

$$b_{2} = (a + b + d) (c + \delta) + c\delta,$$

$$b_{3} = (a + b + d) c\delta,$$

$$c_{3} = -(1 - p) (1 - \eta) akN\delta T_{0}.$$
(20)

It is clear that (19) has the characteristic root $\lambda_1 = r - \mu_1 - \mu_1 - \mu_2$

 $(2rT_0/T_{\text{max}}) = -\sqrt{(r - \mu_1)^2 + 4rs/T_{\text{max}}} < 0.$ Next, we will consider the transcendental polynomial

$$\lambda^{3} + b_{1}\lambda^{2} + b_{2}\lambda + b_{3} + c_{3}e^{-\lambda\tau} = 0.$$
 (21)

For $\tau = 0$, we have that

$$\lambda^3 + b_1 \lambda^2 + b_2 \lambda + b_3 + c_3 = 0.$$
(22)

Obviously, $b_1>0,\,b_2>0,$ and $b_3+c_3>0$ since $\mathcal{R}_0<1.$ We also get

$$b_{1}b_{2} - (b_{3} + c_{3}) = (a + b + d)^{2} (c + \delta)$$

+ $(a + b + d) (c + \delta)^{2} + c\delta (c + \delta)$ (23)
+ $(1 - p) (1 - \eta) akN\delta T_{0} > 0.$

This shows that all the roots of (22) have negative real parts for $\tau = 0$ by using Routh-Hurwitz theorem.

In the following, we investigate the existence of purely imaginary roots $\lambda = i\omega$, $\omega > 0$, of (21). If $\tau > 0$ and $\lambda = i\omega$ with $\omega > 0$ is a solution of (21), then separating the real and imaginary parts gives

$$\omega^{3} - b_{2}\omega = -c_{3}\sin(\omega\tau),$$

$$b_{1}\omega^{2} - b_{3} = c_{3}\cos(\omega\tau).$$
(24)

Squaring and adding both equations of (24) yields

$$f(\omega,\tau) = \omega^{6} + m_{1}\omega^{4} + m_{2}\omega^{2} + b_{3}^{2} - c_{3}^{2} = 0, \qquad (25)$$

where

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$$m_{1} = (a + b + d)^{2} + c^{2} + \delta^{2} > 0,$$

$$m_{2} = (a + b + d)^{2} (c^{2} + \delta^{2}) + (a + b + d)^{2} c\delta \qquad (26)$$

$$+ (c\delta)^{2} + c\delta (c + \delta) (a + b + d) > 0.$$

Letting $y = \omega^2$ yields

$$y^{3} + m_{1}y^{2} + m_{2}y + b_{3}^{2} - c_{3}^{2} = 0.$$
 (27)

If $\mathscr{R}_0 < 1$, then $b_3^2 - c_3^2 > 0$. Therefore, by claim 1 in [21], it is evident that (27) has no positive real roots. This shows that (21) cannot have a purely imaginary root for any $\tau > 0$. Therefore, the uninfected equilibrium E_0 is locally asymptotically stable for any $\tau \ge 0$ provided that $\mathscr{R}_0 < 1$.

If $\mathscr{R}_0 = 1$, the transcendental polynomial (21) becomes

$$\lambda^{3} + b_{1}\lambda^{2} + b_{2}\lambda + b_{3} - b_{3}e^{-\lambda\tau} = 0.$$
 (28)

It is clear that $\lambda = 0$ is a simple root of (28). We further show that any root of (28) must have negative real part except $\lambda = 0$.

In fact, if (28) has imaginary root $u \pm i\omega$ for some $u \ge 0$, $\omega \ge 0$, and $\tau \ge 0$, from (28) we have

$$u^{3} - 3u\omega^{2} + b_{1}u^{2} - b_{1}\omega^{2} + b_{2}u + b_{3} = b_{3}e^{-u\tau}\cos(\omega\tau),$$

$$-\omega^{3} + 3u^{2}\omega + b_{2}\omega + 2b_{1}u\omega = -b_{3}e^{-u\tau}\sin(\omega\tau),$$

(29)

which, together with $u \ge 0$, implies that

$$\begin{bmatrix} u^{3} - 3u\omega^{2} + b_{1}u^{2} - b_{1}\omega^{2} + b_{2}u + b_{3} \end{bmatrix}^{2}$$

+
$$\begin{bmatrix} -\omega^{3} + 3u^{2}\omega + b_{2}\omega + 2b_{1}u\omega \end{bmatrix}^{2}$$
(30)
$$= b_{3}^{2}e^{-2u\tau} \le b_{3}^{2}.$$

However, it is easy to check that the previous inequality is not true. Hence, it shows that any root of (28) has negative real part except $\lambda = 0$, which implies that the trivial solution of (5) is stable for any time delay $\tau \ge 0$.

If $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$, let

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^{3} + b_{1}\lambda^{2} + b_{2}\lambda + b_{3} + c_{3}e^{-\lambda\tau} = 0.$$
(31)

Note that $f(0) = b_3 + c_3 < 0$ since $R_0 > 1$ and $\lim_{\lambda \to +\infty} f(\lambda) = +\infty$. It follows from the continuity of the function $f(\lambda)$ on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ that equation $f(\lambda) = 0$ has at least one positive root. Hence, characteristic equation (19) has at least one positive. Thus, E_0 is unstable. Therefore, our results in this theorem are proved.

4. Dynamical Behavior of Endemic Equilibrium E*

In general, the nonlinear delay system will undergo a Hopf bifurcation when the delay passes through a critical value of the delay, for which the stability of the existing equilibrium changes from stable status to unstable status and a self-excited limit cycle emerges at this moment. Under certain conditions, the existence of a Hopf bifurcation can be determined from linear stability analysis; it requires that at the bifurcation point, the characteristic function has exactly one pair of conjugate roots on the imaginary axis, and as the delay passes through the bifurcation point, this pair of characteristic roots cross from the left-half complex plane to the right-half complex plane or vice verse [19, 26]. The crossing direction is the same as that mentioned previously in linear stability analysis. Thus, the determination of the crossing direction is very important for both stability analysis and Hopf bifurcation. In this section, we will consider the dynamical behavior of endemic equilibrium E^* . Some conditions for Hopf bifurcation around equilibrium E^* to occur are obtained by using the time delay τ as a bifurcation parameter.

For endemic equilibrium $E^*(T^*, I_1^*, I_2^*, V_1^*)$, (18) reduces to

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\mu_{1} + r - \frac{2rT^{*}}{T_{\max}} - kV_{1}^{*} - \lambda & \eta a + b & 0 & -kT^{*} \\ kV_{1}^{*}e^{-\lambda\tau} & -a - b - d - \lambda & 0 & kT^{*}e^{-\lambda\tau} \\ 0 & a(1 - \eta) & -\delta - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - p) N\delta & -c - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0;$$
(32)

that is,

$$\lambda^{4} + p_{1}\lambda^{3} + p_{2}\lambda^{2} + p_{3}\lambda + p_{4} - (q_{2}\lambda^{2} + q_{3}\lambda + q_{4})e^{-\lambda\tau} = 0,$$
(33)

where

 p_1

$$p_{1} = a + b + d + c + \delta - \Omega,$$

$$p_{2} = -\Omega (a + b + d) + (c + \delta) (a + b + d - \Omega) + c\delta,$$

$$p_{3} = -(c + \delta) \Omega (a + b + d) + c\delta (a + b + d - \Omega),$$

$$p_{4} = -c\delta\Omega (a + b + d),$$

$$q_{2} = (\eta a + b) kV_{1}^{*},$$

$$q_{3} = (c + \delta) (\eta a + b) kV_{1}^{*} + (1 - p) (1 - \eta) N\delta akT^{*},$$

$$q_{4} = c\delta (\eta a + b) kV_{1}^{*} - (1 - p) (1 - \eta) N\delta akT^{*} (\Omega + kV_{1}^{*}),$$

$$\Omega = -\mu_{1} + r - \frac{2rT^{*}}{T_{max}} - kV_{1}^{*} < 0.$$
(34)

Obviously, $p_1 > 0$. In addition, in view of Routh-Hurwitz criteria, we can easily know that all roots of (33) with $\tau = 0$ have negative real parts if the following condition holds:

(H):
$$p_4 - q_4 > 0$$
, $p_3 - q_3 > 0$,
 $[(p_3 - q_3)(p_2 - q_2) - p_1(p_4 - q_4)] > (p_1 - q_3)^2$. (35)

Let us consider $\tau \neq 0$ and assume $\lambda(\tau) = \phi(\tau) + i\psi(\tau)$, where $\phi(\tau), \psi(\tau) \in R$. Substituting $\lambda(\tau) = \phi(\tau) + i\psi(\tau)$ and rewriting (33) in terms of its real and imaginary parts, we obtain

$$v^{4} + \omega^{4} - 6v^{2}\omega^{2} + p_{1}\left(v^{3} - 3v\omega^{2}\right) + p_{2}\left(v^{2} - \omega^{2}\right) + p_{3}v + p_{4}$$
$$= e^{-\tau v}\left\{q_{2}\left[\left(v^{2} - \omega^{2}\right)\cos\left(\tau\omega\right) + 2v\omega\sin\left(\tau\omega\right)\right]\right.$$
$$\left. + q_{3}\left[v\cos\left(\tau\omega\right) + \omega\sin\left(\tau\omega\right)\right] + q_{4}\cos\left(\tau\omega\right)\right\},$$
(36a)

$$4v\omega \left(v^{2} - \omega^{2}\right) + p_{1} \left(3v^{2}\omega - \omega^{3}\right) + p_{2} \left(2v\omega\right) + p_{3}\omega$$
$$= e^{-\tau v} \left\{q_{2} \left[\left(-v^{2} + \omega^{2}\right)\sin\left(\tau\omega\right) + 2v\omega\cos\left(\tau\omega\right)\right] + q_{3} \left[-v\sin\left(\tau\omega\right) + \omega\cos\left(\tau\omega\right)\right] + q_{4} \left[-\sin\left(\tau\omega\right)\right]\right\}.$$
(36b)

Let τ_1^* be such that $v(\tau_1^*) = 0$ and $\omega(\tau_1^*) = \omega(\tau^*)$; then (36a) and (36b) reduce to

$$\omega_1^{*4} - p_2 \omega_1^{*2} + p_4 = (-q_2 \omega_1^{*2} + q_4) \cos(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*) + q_3 \omega_1^* \sin(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*),$$
(37a)

$$-p_{1}\omega_{1}^{*3} + p_{3}\omega_{1}^{*} = q_{3}\omega_{1}^{*}\cos(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}) + (q_{2}\omega_{1}^{*2} - q_{4})\sin(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}).$$
(37b)

Eliminating τ , we have

$$\omega_{1}^{*8} + (p_{1}^{2} - 2p_{2})\omega_{1}^{*6} + (p_{2}^{2} + 2p_{4} - 2p_{1}p_{3} - q_{2}^{2})\omega_{1}^{*4} + (p_{3}^{2} - 2p_{2}p_{4} + 2q_{2}q_{4} - q_{3}^{2})\omega_{1}^{*2} + (p_{4}^{2} - q_{4}^{2}) = 0.$$
(38)

Suppose that ω_1^* is the last positive simple root of (38). We will now show that, with this value of ω_1^* , there is a τ_1^* such that $v(\tau_1^*) = 0$ and $\omega(\tau_1^*) = \omega_1^*$. Given ω_1^* , (37a) and (37b) can be written as

$$U = \Phi \cos\left(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*\right) + \Psi \sin\left(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*\right), \qquad (39a)$$

$$V = \Psi \cos(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*) - \Phi \sin(\tau_1^* \omega_1^*),$$
 (39b)

where

$$\Phi = -q_2 \omega_1^{*2} + q_4, \qquad \Psi = q_3 \omega_1^*,$$

$$U = \omega_1^{*4} - p_2 \omega_1^{*2}, \qquad V = -p_1 \omega_1^{*3} + p_3 \omega_1^*, \qquad (40)$$

$$\Phi^2 + \Psi^2 = U^2 + V^2 = H^2,$$

where H > 0.

Equations

$$\Phi = H\cos\theta, \qquad \Psi = H\sin\theta \tag{41}$$

determine a unique $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$. With this value of θ ,

$$H\cos\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right)\cos\theta + H\sin\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right)\sin\theta = U, \qquad (42a)$$

$$H\cos\left(\tau_1^*\omega_1^*\right)\sin\theta - H\sin\left(\tau_1^*\omega_1^*\right)\cos\theta = V.$$
(42b)

Hence,

$$H\cos\left(\tau_1^*\omega_1^*-\theta\right)=U,\tag{43a}$$

$$H\sin\left(\tau_1^*\omega_1^*-\theta\right) = -V. \tag{43b}$$

Equations (43a) and (43b) determine $\tau_1^* \omega_1^* - \theta$ uniquely in $[0, 2\pi)$ and hence τ_1^* uniquely in $[\theta/\omega_1^*, (\theta+2\pi)/\omega_1^*)$. To apply the Hopf bifurcation theorem as stated in [27], we state the following lemma.

Lemma 2 (see [28]). Suppose (38) has at least one simple positive root and ω_1^* is the last such root. Then, $i\omega(\tau_1^*) = i\omega_1^*$ is a simple root of (33) and $v(\tau) + i\omega(\tau)$ is differentiable with respect to τ in a neighbourhood of $\tau = \tau_1^*$.

Next, to establish Hopf bifurcation at $\tau_1 = \tau_1^*$ *, we need to verify the transversality condition*

$$\left. \frac{dv}{d\tau} \right|_{\tau = \tau_1^*} \neq 0. \tag{44}$$

Differentiating equations (36a) and (36b) with respect to τ , setting v = 0 and $\omega = \omega_1^*$, solving for $dv/d\tau|_{\tau=\tau_1^*}$ and $d\omega/d\tau|_{\tau=\tau_1^*}$, and using (37a) and (37b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\upsilon}{d\tau}\Big|_{\tau=\tau_1^*} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_1^2 + \Gamma_2^2} \left\{ \omega_1^{*2} \left[4\omega_1^{*6} + 3\omega_1^{*4} \left(p_1^2 - 2p_2 \right) \right. \\ &+ 2\omega_1^{*2} \left(p_2^2 + 2p_4 - 2p_1p_3 - q_2^2 \right) \right. \\ &+ \left. p_3^2 - q_3^2 - 2p_2p_4 + 2q_2q_4 \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(45)$$

Here,

$$\Gamma_{1} = -4\omega_{1}^{*3} + 2p_{2}\omega_{1}^{*} + \tau_{1}^{*} \left(-p_{1}\omega_{1}^{*3} + p_{3}\omega_{1}^{*}\right) + q_{3}\sin\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right) - 2q_{2}\omega_{1}^{*}\cos\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right),$$

$$\Gamma_{2} = -3p_{1}\omega_{1}^{*2} + p_{3} + \tau_{1}^{*} \left(\omega_{1}^{*4} - p_{2}\omega_{1}^{*2} + p_{4}\right) + \left(-2q_{2}\omega_{1}^{*}\right)\sin\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right) - q_{3}\cos\left(\tau_{1}^{*}\omega_{1}^{*}\right),$$

$$\Gamma_{1}^{2} + \Gamma_{2}^{2} > 0,$$

(46)

as $i\omega(\tau_1^*)$ *is a simple root of* (33). *Let* $\varsigma = \omega_1^{*2}$; *then* (38) *reduces to* $v(\varsigma) = 0$, *where*

$$\nu(\varsigma) = \varsigma^{4} + \left(p_{1}^{2} - 2p_{2}\right)\varsigma^{3} + \left(p_{2}^{2} + 2p_{4} - 2p_{1}p_{3} - q_{2}^{2}\right)\varsigma^{2} + \left(p_{3}^{2} - 2p_{2}p_{4} + 2q_{2}q_{4} - q_{3}^{2}\right)\varsigma + \left(p_{4}^{2} - q_{4}^{2}\right).$$

$$(47)$$

Hence,

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\varsigma} = 4\varsigma^{3} + 3\varsigma^{2} \left(p_{1}^{2} - 2p_{2}\right) + 2\varsigma \left(p_{2}^{2} + 2p_{4} - 2p_{1}p_{3} - q_{2}^{2}\right)
+ \left(p_{3}^{2} - q_{3}^{2} - 2p_{2}p_{4} + 2q_{2}q_{4}\right).$$
(48)

If ω_1^{*2} is the first positive simple root of (38), then

$$\left. \frac{d\nu}{d\varsigma} \right|_{\varsigma = \omega_1^{*2}} > 0. \tag{49}$$

Hence, using (45) and (48) we deduce that

$$\left. \frac{dv}{d\tau} \right|_{\tau = \tau_1^*} > 0. \tag{50}$$

Theorem 3. Suppose that (38) has at least one simple positive root and ω_1^* is the last such root. Then, there is a Hopf bifurcation for the system (5) as τ passes upwards through τ_1^* leading to a periodic solution that bifurcates from E^* .

Next, we will give the sensible conditions that the Hopf bifurcation occurs around equilibrium E^* . Firstly, we need the following important lemma.

Define $f_1 = p_1^2 - 2p_2$, $f_2 = p_2^2 + 2p_4 - 2p_1p_3 - q_2^2$, $f_3 = p_3^2 - 2p_2p_4 + 2q_2q_4 - q_3^2$, $f_4 = p_4^2 - q_4^2$, and $\varsigma = \omega_1^{*2}$, then (38) becomes

$$\varsigma^4 + f_1 \varsigma^3 + f_2 \varsigma^2 + f_3 \varsigma + f_4 = 0.$$
 (51)

Lemma 4 (see [28]). If $f_4 < 0$, then the quartic equation

$$\nu(\varsigma) = \varsigma^4 + f_1 \varsigma^3 + f_2 \varsigma^2 + f_3 \varsigma + f_4 = 0$$
 (52)

has a strictly positive triple root k_1 if and only if

(1)
$$3f_1^2 \ge 8f_2;$$

(2) $f_1 < 0 \text{ or } f_2 < 0;$

- (3) β_1 satisfies the equation $6\beta^2 + 3f_1\beta + f_2 = 0;$ (4) $f_3 = \beta_1^2(3f_1 + 8\beta_1);$
- (5) $f_4 = \beta_1^3 (-f_1 3\beta_1).$

We also need the following mild condition.

Condition 1. Either

- (i) $8f_2 > 3f_1^2$;
- (ii) $f_1 \ge 0$ and $f_2 \ge 0$;
- (iii) or if $3f_1^2 \ge 8f_2$ and also either $f_1 < 0$ or $f_2 < 0$, then if β_1 is a strictly positive root of the quadratic equation, $6\beta^2 + 3f_1\beta + f_2 = 0$; either $f_3 \ne \beta_1^2(3f_1 + 8\beta_1)$ or $f_4 \ne \beta_1^3(-f_1 - 3\beta_1)$.

Equation (38) has at least one positive real root for ω_1^{*2} if $|p_4| < |q_4|$. By Lemma 2, this is a simple root if Condition 1 is satisfied. Thus, from Lemma 2 and Theorem 3, we can get the following theorem.

Theorem 5. Suppose that

- (i) $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ and the unique endemic equilibrium E^* exists; and
- (ii) Condition 1 holds and $|p_4| < |q_4|$ so $f_4 < 0$.

Then, there is a Hopf bifurcation for the system (5) as τ passes upwards through τ_1^* leading to a periodic solution that bifurcates from E^* .

Remark 6. If (38) has a positive root ω_1^* , from (37a) and (37b) we can obtain

$$\tau_{j}^{*} = \frac{1}{\omega_{1}^{*}} \arcsin \left[\left(\left(-q_{3}\omega_{1}^{*} \left(\omega_{1}^{*4} - p_{2}\omega_{1}^{*2} + p_{4} \right) \right. + \left(p_{1}\omega_{1}^{*3} - p_{3}\omega_{1}^{*} \right) \left(q_{2}\omega_{1}^{*2} - q_{4} \right) \right) \\ \times \left(\left(q_{3}^{*4}\omega_{1}^{*} \right)^{2} + \left(q_{2}\omega_{1}^{*2} - q_{4} \right)^{2} \right)^{-1} \right) \\ \left. + 2j\pi \right], \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
(53)

5. Direction and Stability of the Hopf Bifurcation

In the previous section, we obtain the conditions under which a family of periodic solutions bifurcates from the positive equilibrium E^* at the critical value of τ_1^* . As pointed out in Hassard et al. [29], it is interesting to determine the direction, stability, and period of the periodic solutions bifurcating from the positive equilibrium E^* . Following the ideas of Hassard et al., we derive the explicit formulas for determining the properties of the Hopf bifurcation at the critical value of τ_1^* by using the normal form and the center manifold theory. Throughout this section, we always assume that system (5) undergoes Hopf bifurcation at the positive equilibrium E^* 7

for $\tau = \tau_1^*$, and then $\pm i\omega_1^*$ is corresponding purely imaginary roots of the characteristic equation at the positive equilibrium E^* . In the this section, for convenience, we use τ^* and ω^* instead of τ_1^* and ω_1^* , respectively.

Let $x_1(t) = T(t) - T^*$, $x_2(t) = I_1(t) - I_1^*$, $x_3(t) = I_2(t) - I_2^*$, $x_4(t) = V_1(t) - V_1^*$, $\overline{x}_i(t) = x_i(\tau t)$, (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), and $\tau = \tau^* + \mu$; system (5) is transformed into an functional differential equation (FDE) in $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}([-1, 0], \mathbb{R}^4)$ as

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = L_{\mu}\left(x_{t}\right) + f\left(\mu, x_{t}\right), \qquad (54)$$

where $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t), x_4(t))^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and $L\mu : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}, f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}$ are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{split} L_{\mu}(\phi) &= (\tau^{*} + \mu) \\ &\times \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & \eta a + b & 0 & -kT^{*} \\ 0 & -a - b - d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a(1 - \eta) & -\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - p) N\delta & -c \end{pmatrix} \\ &\times \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1}(0) \\ \phi_{2}(0) \\ \phi_{3}(0) \\ \phi_{4}(0) \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ (\tau^{*} + \mu) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ kV_{1}^{*} & 0 & 0 & kT^{*} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1}(-1) \\ \phi_{2}(-1) \\ \phi_{3}(-1) \\ \phi_{3}(-1) \\ \phi_{4}(-1) \end{pmatrix}, \end{split}$$
(55)
$$f(\mu, \phi) = (\tau^{*} + \mu) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} \phi_{1}^{2}(0) - k\phi_{1}(0) \phi_{4}(0) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(56)

By the Riesz representation theorem, there exists a function $\eta(\theta, \mu)$ of bounded variation for $\theta \in [-1, 0]$, such that

$$L_{\mu}\phi = \int_{-1}^{0} d\eta \left(\theta, 0\right) \phi \left(\theta\right), \qquad (57)$$

for $\phi \in \mathbb{C}$.

In fact, we can choose

 $\eta(\theta,\mu)$

$$= (\tau^* + \mu) \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & \eta a + b & 0 & -kT^* \\ 0 & -a - b - d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a(1 - \eta) & -\delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - p) N\delta & -c \end{pmatrix} \delta(\theta)$$

$$-(\tau^*+\mu)\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ kV_1^* & 0 & 0 & kT^*\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\delta(\theta+1),$$
(58)

where δ is the Dirac delta function. For $\phi \in \mathbb{C}'([-1, 0], \mathbb{R}^4)$, define

$$A(\mu)\phi = \begin{cases} \frac{d\phi(\theta)}{d\theta}, & \theta \in [-1,0), \\ \int_{-1}^{0} d\eta(\mu,s)\phi(s), & \theta = 0, \end{cases}$$
(59)
$$R(\mu)\phi = \begin{cases} 0, & \theta \in [-1,0), \\ f(\mu,\phi), & \theta = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then, system (54) is equivalent to

$$\dot{x}_{t} = A\left(\mu\right)x_{t} + R\left(\mu\right)x_{t},\tag{60}$$

where $x_t(\theta) = x(t+\theta)$ for $\theta \in [-1, 0]$. For $\psi \in \mathbb{C}^1([-1, 0], (\mathbb{R}^4)^*)$, define

$$A^{*}\psi(s) = \begin{cases} -\frac{d\psi(s)}{ds}, & s \in (0,1], \\ \int_{-1}^{0} d\eta^{T}(t,0)\psi(-t), & s = 0, \end{cases}$$
(61)

and a bilinear inner product

$$\langle \psi(s), \phi(\theta) \rangle = \overline{\psi}(0) \phi(0) - \int_{-1}^{0} \int_{\zeta-\theta}^{\theta} \overline{\psi}(\zeta-\theta) \, d\eta(\theta) \, \phi(\zeta) \, d\zeta,$$
(62)

where $\eta(\theta) = \eta(\theta, 0)$. Then, A(0) and A^* are adjoint operators. By the discussion in Section 4, we know that $\pm i\omega^* \tau^*$ are eigenvalues of A(0). Thus, they are also eigenvalues of A^* . We first need to compute the eigenvector of A(0) and A^* corresponding to $+i\omega^* \tau^*$ and $-i\omega^* \tau^*$, respectively.

Suppose that $q(\theta) = (1, a, \beta, \gamma)^{\top} e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \theta}$ is the eigenvector of A(0) corresponding to $+i\omega^* \tau^*$; then $A(0)q(\theta) = i\omega^* \tau^* q(\theta)$. It follows from the definition of A(0) and (55), (57), and (58) that

$$\tau^{*} \begin{pmatrix} i\omega^{*} - \Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^{*} \\ -kV_{1}^{*}e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} & i\omega^{*} + a + b + d & 0 & -kT^{*}e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & i\omega^{*} + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & i\omega^{*} + c \end{pmatrix} \times q(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(63)

Thus, we can easily obtain $q(0) = (1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)^{\top}$, where

$$\alpha = \frac{\left(i\omega^* - \Omega - kV_1^*\right)e^{-i\omega^*\tau^*}}{\left(\eta a + b\right)e^{-i\omega^*\tau^*} - \left(i\omega^* + a + b + d\right)},$$
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{kT^*}\left[\left(\eta a + b\right)\alpha - i\omega^* + \Omega\right], \qquad \beta = \frac{\left(i\omega^* + c\right)\gamma}{\left(1 - p\right)N\delta}.$$
(64)

Similarly, let $q^*(s) = D(1, \alpha^*, \beta^*, \gamma^*)e^{i\omega^*\tau^*s}$ be the eigenvector of A^* corresponding to $-i\omega^*\tau^*$. By the definition of A^* and (55)–(57), we can compute

$$\alpha^{*} = \frac{i\omega^{*} - \Omega}{kV_{1}^{*}e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}}},$$

$$\beta^{*} = \frac{-\eta a - b + (i\omega^{*} + a + b + d)\alpha^{*}}{a(1 - \eta)},$$

$$\gamma^{*} = \frac{\alpha^{*}kT^{*}e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} - kT^{*}}{i\omega^{*} + c}.$$
(65)

In order to assure $\langle q^*(s), q(\theta) \rangle = 1$, we need to determine the value of *D*. From (62), we have

$$\begin{split} \langle q^* \left(s \right), q \left(\theta \right) \rangle \\ &= \overline{D} \left(1, \overline{\alpha^*}, \overline{\beta^*}, \overline{\gamma^*} \right) \left(1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \right)^\top \\ &- \int_{-1}^0 \int_{\zeta=0}^{\theta} \overline{D} \left(1, \overline{\alpha^*}, \overline{\beta^*}, \overline{\gamma^*} \right) e^{-i\omega^* \tau^* \left(\zeta - \theta \right)} d\eta \left(\theta \right) \left(1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \right)^\top e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \zeta} d\zeta \\ &= \overline{D} \left\{ 1 + \alpha \overline{\alpha^*} + \beta \overline{\beta^*} + \gamma \overline{\gamma^*} \right. \\ &- \int_{-1}^0 \left(1, \overline{\alpha^*}, \overline{\beta^*}, \overline{\gamma^*} \right) \theta e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \theta} d\eta \left(\theta \right) \left(1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \right)^\top \right\} \\ &= \overline{D} \left\{ 1 + \alpha \overline{\alpha^*} + \beta \overline{\beta^*} + \gamma \overline{\gamma^*} + \tau^* e^{-i\omega^* \tau^*} \left(\alpha^* k V_1^* + \alpha^* k T^* \overline{\gamma} \right) \right\}. \end{split}$$

$$(66)$$

Thus, we can choose *D* as

$$D = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \overline{\alpha^*} + \beta \overline{\beta^*} + \gamma \overline{\gamma^*} + \tau^* e^{i\omega^* \tau^*} \left(kV_1^* \alpha^* + kT^* \alpha^* \overline{\gamma}\right)}.$$
(67)

In the remainder of this section, we use the same notations as in [29]; we first compute the coordinates to describe the center manifold C_0 at $\mu = 0$. Let x_t be the solution of (60) when $\mu = 0$. Define

$$Z(t) = \langle q^*, x_t \rangle, \qquad W(t, \theta) = x_t(\theta) - 2\operatorname{Re}\left\{z(t)q(\theta)\right\}.$$
(68)

On the center manifold C_0 , we have

$$W(t,\theta) = W(z(t),\overline{z}(t),\theta), \qquad (69)$$

where

$$W(z, \bar{z}, \theta) = W_{20}(\theta) \frac{z^2}{2} + W_{11}(\theta) z\bar{z} + W_{02}(\theta) \frac{\bar{z}^2}{2} + W_{30}(\theta) \frac{z^3}{6} + \cdots,$$
(70)

z and \overline{z} are local coordinates for center manifold C_0 in the direction of q^* and $\overline{q^*}$. Note that *W* is real if x_t is real. We only consider real solutions. For solution $x_t \in C_0$ of (60), since $\mu = 0$, we have

$$\dot{z}(t) = i\omega^* \tau^* z + \overline{q^*}(0) f(0, W(z, \overline{z}, \theta) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \{zq(\theta)\})$$
$$= i\omega^* \tau^* z + \overline{q^*}(0) f_0(z, \overline{z}).$$
(71)

We rewrite this equation as

$$\dot{z}(t) = i\omega^* \tau^* z(t) + g(z,\overline{z}), \qquad (72)$$

where

$$g(z,\overline{z}) = \overline{q^*}(0) f_0(z,\overline{z})$$

= $g_{20} \frac{z^2}{2} + g_{11} z \overline{z} + g_{02} \frac{\overline{z}^2}{2} + g_{21} \frac{z^2 \overline{z}}{2} + \cdots$ (73)

It follows from (68) and (70) that

$$x_{t}(\theta)$$

$$= W(t,\theta) - 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z(t) q(t) \right\}$$

$$= W_{20}(\theta) \frac{z^{2}}{2} + W_{11}(\theta) z\overline{z} + W_{02}(\theta) \frac{\overline{z}^{2}}{2}$$

$$+ (1,\alpha,\beta,\gamma)^{T} e^{i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}\theta} z + (1,\overline{\alpha},\overline{\beta},\overline{\gamma})^{T} e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}\theta} \overline{z} + \cdots$$
(74)

It follows together with (56) that

$$\begin{split} g\left(z,\overline{z}\right) &= \overline{q^*}\left(0\right) f_0\left(z,\overline{z}\right) \\ &= \overline{q^*}\left(0\right) f\left(0,x_t\right) \\ &= \tau_k \overline{D}\left(1,\overline{\alpha^*},\overline{\beta^*},\overline{\gamma^*}\right) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}}\phi_1^2\left(0\right) - k\phi_1\left(0\right)\phi_4\left(0\right) \\ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \tau^* \overline{D}\frac{r}{T_{\max}} \left[z + \overline{z} + W_{20}^{(1)}\left(0\right)\frac{z^2}{2} \\ & +W_{11}^{(1)}\left(0\right)z\overline{z} + W_{02}^{(1)}\left(0\right)\frac{\overline{z}^2}{2} + o\left(\left|(z,\overline{z})^3\right|\right)\right]^2 \\ &- \tau^* \overline{D}k \left[z + \overline{z} + W_{20}^{(1)}\left(0\right)\frac{z^2}{2} + W_{11}^{(1)}\left(0\right)z\overline{z} \\ & +W_{02}^{(1)}\left(0\right)\frac{\overline{z}^2}{2} + o\left(\left|(z,\overline{z})^3\right|\right)\right] \\ &\times \left[\gamma z + \overline{\gamma z} + W_{20}^{(4)}\left(0\right)\frac{z^2}{2} \\ &+ W_{11}^{(4)}\left(0\right)z\overline{z} + W_{02}^{(4)}\left(0\right)\frac{\overline{z}^2}{2} + o\left(|z,\overline{z}|^3\right)\right] \\ &+ \tau^* \overline{D}\overline{\alpha}^* k \left[e^{-i\omega^*\tau^*}z + e^{i\omega^*\tau^*}\overline{z} + W_{20}^{(1)}\left(-1\right)\frac{z^2}{2} \\ \end{split}$$

$$+W_{11}^{(1)}(-1)z\overline{z} + W_{02}^{(1)}(-1)\frac{\overline{z}^{2}}{2} + o\left(|z,\overline{z}|^{3}\right)\right] \times \left[\gamma e^{-i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}}z + \overline{\gamma} e^{i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}}\overline{z} + W_{20}^{(4)}(-1)\frac{z^{2}}{2} + W_{11}^{(4)}(-1)z\overline{z} + W_{02}^{(4)}(-1)\frac{\overline{z}^{2}}{2} + o\left(|z,\overline{z}|^{3}\right)\right].$$
(75)

Comparing the coefficients with (73), we have

$$g_{20} = 2\tau^* \overline{D} \left[-\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma + k\overline{\alpha}^* \gamma e^{-2i\omega^* \tau^*} \right],$$

$$g_{11} = 2\tau^* \overline{D} \left[-\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\operatorname{Re} \gamma + k\overline{\alpha}^* \operatorname{Re} \gamma \right],$$

$$g_{02} = 2\tau^* \overline{D} \left[-\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\overline{\gamma} + k\overline{\alpha}^* \overline{\gamma} e^{2i\omega^* \tau^*} \right],$$

 g_{21}

$$= \tau^* \overline{D} k \overline{\alpha}^* \\ \times \left[-\frac{r}{T_{\max}} \left(4W_{11}^{(1)}(0) + 2W_{20}^{(1)}(0) \right) \right. \\ \left. - k \left(2W_{11}^{(4)}(0) + W_{20}^{(4)}(0) + \overline{\gamma} W_{20}^{(1)}(0) + 2\gamma W_{11}^{(1)}(0) \right) \right. \\ \left. + k \overline{\alpha}^* \left(2e^{-i\omega^*\tau^*} W_{11}^{(4)}(-1) + e^{i\omega^*\tau^*} W_{20}^{(4)}(-1) \right. \\ \left. + \overline{\gamma} e^{i\omega^*\tau^*} W_{20}^{(1)}(-1) + 2\gamma e^{-i\omega^*\tau^*} W_{11}^{(1)}(-1) \right) \right].$$

$$(76)$$

Since there are $W_{20}(\theta)$ and $W_{11}(\theta)$ in g_{21} , we still need to compute them. From (60) and (68), we have

$$\begin{split} \dot{W} &= \dot{x}_t - \dot{z}q - \overline{z}\,\overline{q} \\ &= \begin{cases} AW - 2\,\operatorname{Re}\left\{\overline{q^*}\left(0\right)f_0q\left(\theta\right)\right\}, & \theta\in\left[-1,0\right), \\ AW - 2\,\operatorname{Re}\left\{\overline{q^*}\left(0\right)f_0q\left(\theta\right)\right\} + f_0, & \theta=0, \end{cases} \\ &\triangleq AW + H\left(z,\overline{z},\theta\right), \end{split}$$
(77)

where

$$H(z,\overline{z},\theta) = H_{20}(\theta)\frac{z^2}{2} + H_{11}(\theta)z\overline{z} + H_{02}(\theta)\frac{\overline{z}^2}{2} + \cdots$$
(78)

Substituting the corresponding series into (77) and comparing the coefficients, we obtain

$$(A - 2i\omega^*\tau^*) W_{20}(\theta) = -H_{20}, \qquad AW_{11}(\theta) = -H_{11}, \dots$$
(79)

From (77), we know that for $\theta \in [-1, 0)$,

$$H(z,\overline{z},\theta) = -\overline{q^*}(0) f_0 q(\theta) - q^*(0) \overline{f}_0 \overline{q}(\theta)$$

= $-g(z,\overline{z}) q(\theta) - g(z,\overline{z}) \overline{q}(\theta).$ (80)

Comparing the coefficients with (78) gives

$$H_{20}\left(\theta\right) = -g_{20}q\left(\theta\right) - \overline{g}_{02}\overline{q}\left(\theta\right),\tag{81}$$

$$H_{11}(\theta) = -g_{11}q(\theta) - \overline{g}_{11}\overline{q}(\theta).$$
(82)

From (79), (81), and the definition of A, it follows that

$$\dot{W}_{20} = 2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}W_{20}(\theta) + g_{20}q(\theta) + \overline{g}_{02}\overline{q}(\theta).$$
(83)

Notice that $q(\theta) = (1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)^{\top} e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \theta}$; hence,

$$W_{20}(\theta) = \frac{ig_{20}}{\omega^* \tau^*} q(0) e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \theta} + \frac{i\overline{g}_{02}}{3\omega^* \tau^*} \overline{q}(0) e^{-i\omega^* \tau^* \theta} + E_1 e^{2i\omega^* \tau^* \theta},$$
(84)

where $E_1 = (E_1^{(1)}, E_1^{(2)}, E_1^{(3)}, E_1^{(4)}) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ is a constant vector. Similarly, from (79) and (82), we obtain

$$W_{11}(\theta) = -\frac{ig_{11}}{\omega^* \tau^*} q(0) e^{i\omega^* \tau^* \theta} + \frac{i\overline{g}_{11}}{\omega^* \tau^*} \overline{q}(0) e^{-i\omega^* \tau^* \theta} + E_2,$$
(85)

where $E_2 = (E_2^{(1)}, E_2^{(2)}, E_2^{(3)}, E_2^{(4)}) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ is also a constant vector.

In what follows, we will seek appropriate E_1 and E_2 . From the definition of A and (79), we obtain

$$\int_{-1}^{0} d\eta \left(\theta\right) W_{20}\left(\theta\right) = 2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}W_{20}\left(\theta\right) - H_{20}\left(\theta\right), \qquad (86)$$

$$\int_{-1}^{0} d\eta \left(\theta\right) W_{11} \left(\theta\right) = -H_{11} \left(\theta\right),$$
(87)

where $\eta(\theta) = \eta(0, \theta)$. By (77), we have

$$H_{20}(\theta) = -g_{20}q(0) - \overline{g}_{20}\overline{q}(0) + 2\tau^* \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma \\ k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
(88)

$$H_{11}(\theta) = -g_{11}q(0) - \overline{g}_{11}\overline{q}(0) + 2\tau^* \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\text{max}}} - k\operatorname{Re}\gamma\\ k\operatorname{Re}\gamma\\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(89)

Substituting (83) and (88) into (86), we obtain

$$\left(2\omega^{*}\tau^{*}I - \int_{-1}^{0} e^{2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}\theta} d\eta(\theta) \right) E_{1} = 2\tau^{*} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma \\ k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
(90)

which leads to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2i\omega^{*} - \Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^{*} \\ -kV_{1}^{*}e^{-2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} & 2i\omega^{*} + a + b + d & 0 & -kT^{*}e^{-2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 2i\omega^{*} + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & 2i\omega^{*} + c \end{pmatrix} \times E_{1} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma \\ k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(91)

It follows that

$$E_{1}^{(1)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^* \\ k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} & 2i\omega^* + a + b + d & 0 & -kT^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 2i\omega^* + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & 2i\omega^* + c \end{vmatrix},$$

$$E_{1}^{(2)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} 2i\omega^* - \Omega & -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma & 0 & kT^* \\ -kV_1^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} & k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} & 0 & -kT^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 2i\omega^* + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & 2i\omega^* + c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$E_{1}^{(3)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} 2i\omega^* - \Omega & -\eta a - b & -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma & kT^* \\ -kV_1^* e^{-2i\omega^* \tau^*} & 2i\omega^* + a + b + d & k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^* \tau^*} & -kT^* e^{-2i\omega^* \tau^*} \\ 0 & 0 & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2i\omega^* + c \end{vmatrix},$$

 $E_{1}^{(4)}$

$$= \frac{2}{\Delta} \begin{vmatrix} 2i\omega^* - \Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\gamma \\ -kV_1^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} & 2i\omega^* + a + b + d & 0 & k\gamma e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 2i\omega^* + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & 0 \end{vmatrix},$$
(92)

where

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2i\omega^* - \Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^* \\ -kV_1^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} & 2i\omega^* + a + b + d & 0 & -kT^* e^{-2i\omega^*\tau^*} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 2i\omega^* + \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & 2i\omega^* + c \end{vmatrix} .$$
(93)

Similarly, substituting (85) and (89) into (87), we can get

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^* \\ -kV_1^* & a + b + d & 0 & -kT^* \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & c \end{pmatrix} E_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k\operatorname{Re}\gamma \\ k\operatorname{Re}\gamma \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
(94)



FIGURE 1: When $\tau = 0.8 < \tau^*$, the positive equilibrium E^* is stable.

and hence

$$\begin{split} E_2^{(1)} &= \frac{2}{\Delta_1} \\ & \times \left| \begin{array}{c} -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^* \\ k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & a + b + d & 0 & -kT^* \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p) N\delta & c \end{array} \right|, \\ E_2^{(2)} &= \frac{2}{\Delta_1} \left| \begin{array}{c} -\Omega & -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & 0 & kT^* \\ -kV_1^* & k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & 0 & -kT^* \\ 0 & 0 & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p) N\delta & c \end{array} \right|, \\ E_2^{(3)} &= \frac{2}{\Delta_1} \left| \begin{array}{c} -\Omega & -\eta a - b & -\frac{r}{T_{\max}} - k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & k \operatorname{Re} \gamma \\ -kV_1^* & a + b + d & k \operatorname{Re} \gamma & -kT^* \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \end{array} \right|, \end{split}$$

$$E_{2}^{(4)} = \frac{2}{\Delta_{1}} \begin{vmatrix} -\Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & -\frac{r}{T_{\text{max}}} - k \operatorname{Re} \gamma \\ -kV_{1}^{*} & a + b + d & 0 & k \operatorname{Re} \gamma \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p) N\delta & 0 \end{vmatrix},$$
(95)

where

$$\Delta_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} -\Omega & -\eta a - b & 0 & kT^{*} \\ -kV_{1}^{*} & a + b + d & 0 & -kT^{*} \\ 0 & -a(1-\eta) & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1-p)N\delta & c \end{vmatrix}.$$
 (96)

Thus, we can determine $W_{20}(\theta)$ and $W_{11}(\theta)$ from (83) and (85). Furthermore, g_{21} in (75) can be expressed by the parameters and delay. Then, we can compute the following



FIGURE 2: When $\tau = 2.4 > \tau^*$, the positive equilibrium E^* losses its stability and periodic solution occurs.

values:

$$c_{1}(0) = \frac{i}{2\omega^{*}\tau^{*}} \left(g_{20}g_{11} - 2|g_{11}|^{2} - \frac{|g_{02}|^{2}}{3} \right) + \frac{g_{21}}{2},$$

$$\mu_{2} = -\frac{\operatorname{Re}\left\{c_{1}(0)\right\}}{\operatorname{Re}\left\{\lambda'(\tau^{*})\right\}},$$

$$\beta_{2} = 2\operatorname{Re}\left\{c_{1}(0)\right\},$$

$$T_{2} = -\frac{\operatorname{Im}\left\{c_{1}(0)\right\} + \mu_{2}\operatorname{Im}\left\{\lambda'(\tau^{*})\right\}}{\omega^{*}\tau^{*}}.$$
(97)

By the result of Hassard et al. [29], we have the following.

Theorem 7. In (97), the sign of μ_2 determined the direction of Hopf bifurcation: if $\mu_2 > 0$ ($\mu_2 < 0$), then the Hopf bifurcation is supercritical (subcritical) and the bifurcating periodic solution

exists for $\tau > \tau^*$ ($\tau < \tau^*$). β_2 determines the stability of the bifurcating periodic solution: the bifurcating periodic solution is stable (unstable) if $\beta_2 < 0$ ($\beta_2 > 0$), and T_2 determines the period of the bifurcating periodic solution: the period increases (decreases) if $T_2 > 0$ ($T_2 < 0$).

6. Numerical Simulation

In the previous sections, we introduced the analytical tools proposed and used for a qualitative analysis of the system obtaining some results about the dynamics of the system. In this section, we perform a numerical analysis of the model based on the previous results.

Our model involves 13 parameters, including the delay τ . In the following, we choose a set of parameters in Table 1. Correspondingly, $\mathcal{R}_0 = 17.68614487 > 1$ and $E^*(72.94117647, 167.1814866, 94.73617573, 21315.63954)$.

TABLE 1: Variables and parameters for viral spread.

	Variables and meaning parameters	Values
Т	Uninfected CD4 ⁺ T-cell population size	$1000 {\rm mm}^{-3}$
I_1	Pre-RT	0 mm^{-3}
I_2	Post-RT	0 mm^{-3}
V_1	Infectious virus	10^{-3} mm^{-3}
S	Source term for uninfected CD4 ⁺ T-cell	$5 day^{-1} mm^{-3}$
k	Rate at which CD4 ⁺ T-cell becomes infected with virus	$0.00005\mathrm{mm^{3}day^{-1}}$
μ_1	Death rate of healthy CD4 ⁺ T-cell	$0.01\mathrm{day}^{-1}$
η	Efficacy of RTIs	0.15
а	Transition rate from pre-RT infected CD4 ⁺ T cells to productively post-RT	$0.4~\mathrm{day}^{-1}$
Ь	Reverting rate of infected cells to uninfected class	$0.05 day^{-1}$
d	Death rate of infected T-cells	$0.015 day^{-1}$
δ	Death rate of actively infected T-cells I_2	0.6 day^{-1}
Ν	Number of virions produced by infected CD4 ⁺ T-cells	$1000 \mathrm{virions} \mathrm{cell}^{-1}$
С	Clearance rate of virus	$2.4 \mathrm{day}^{-1}$
r	Growth rate of T-cells	0.8 day^{-1}
$T_{\rm max}$	Carrying capacity of T-cells	1300 mm^3
Р	Protease inhibitor efficacy	0.1

We can compute that $\omega^* = 0.3205862054$, and $\tau^* = 1.201514430$. By Theorem 5, equilibrium E^* is locally asymptotically stable when $\tau < \tau^*$ (see Figure 1), and Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\tau = \tau^*$; a periodic solution exists when $\tau > \tau^*$ (see Figure 2). Furthermore, we compute $c_1(0) = -13.62874664 - 2.28357223i$. Therefore, Re($c_1(0)$) < 0. By Theorem 7, we know that the Hopf bifurcation is supercritical: the bifurcating periodic solutions exist for $\tau > \tau^*$ and they are orbitally asymptotically stable.

The ranges of time delay τ are reported in [30, 31], are between 0 and 2 days. By the theory of Hopf bifurcation, we have shown that sustained oscillations are possible in the realistic parameter space. This shows that our model is reasonable.

7. Discussion

We have considered a mathematical model for drugs therapy to the infection of $CD4^+$ T cells in vivo by HIV. The model incorporates the effects of antiretroviral therapy, logistic growth of the $CD4^+$ T cell, and intracellular delay. We have carried out a rigorous mathematical analysis of global dynamics of the model and have shown that the time delay can destabilize the positive equilibrium and lead to periodic solutions through Hopf bifurcation.

If we cannot consider the effect of "intracellular" delay, the viral oscillation will not occur [10]. Intracellular delay can induce rich dynamics in the viral system. Moreover, in system (5), we used a logistic term to model the generation and death of target cells. In fact, we can find the logistic term to model the generation by using simulation. And Li and Su have studied that both the "intracellular" delay and target cell can proliferate on virus dynamics [32]. All in all, based on the analytic and simulation results, we can conclude that both the "intracellular" delay and logistic term may give rise to the viral oscillation in the host. Hence, the oscillation behaviors of virus population can be understood in these ways. We will discuss the effect of the "intracellular" delay and logistic term in theory in the future.

It is well to know that current treatment regimens cannot eradicate the virus. And the single drug may be highly effective. From the expression of the basic reproductive number $\mathcal{R}_0 = T_0/T^* = (T_{\max}[r-\mu_1 + \sqrt{(r-\mu_1)^2 + 4rs/T_{\max}}]/2r)((1-p)(1-\eta)kNa/c(d+a+b))$, we can find that \mathcal{R}_0 is a decreasing function for *p*. The value of \mathcal{R}_0 is smaller for a larger *p*. That is to say, PIs are positive for the treatment of HIV. Hence, our results show that we need a combination therapy to obtain the better results of drug therapy.

Finally, if we assume a constant death rate *m* for infected but not yet virus-producing cells, the probability of surviving from time $t - \tau$ to time *t* is just $e^{-m\tau}$ [14]. Thus the refined model can be rewritten as (4). Hence, we have the following system:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = s + rT \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{\text{max}}} \right) - \mu_1 T - kTV_1 + (\eta a + b) I_1,$$

$$\frac{dI_1}{dt} = ke^{-m\tau} T (t - \tau) V_1 (t - \tau) - (d + a + b) I_1,$$

$$\frac{dI_2}{dt} = (1 - \eta) aI_1 - \delta I_2,$$

$$\frac{dV_1}{dt} = (1 - p) N\delta I_2 - cV_1,$$

$$\frac{dV_2}{dt} = pN\delta I_2 - cV_2.$$
(98)

It is easy to obtain that the characteristic equation about the positive equilibrium of model (98) is delay dependent coefficients. We can deduce that the stability switches around the positive equilibrium may occur. We leave it in the future.

Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

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