

Modified Model and Stability Analysis of the Spread of Hepatitis B Virus Disease

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Abstract: In this study the infected population is classified into two categories viz., chronic and acute and thus developed a five compartmental $SEICAR$ model. Also, both vaccination and treatments are included and studied their impact on the spread of hepatitis B virus. The present model is biologically meaningful and mathematically well posed since the solutions are proved to be positive as well as bounded. The basic reproduction number R_0 of the model is derived using the next generation matrix method. Further, the equilibrium points of the model are identified and mathematical analysis pertaining to their stability is conducted using Routh – Hurwitz criteria. It is shown that the disease free equilibrium point is locally and globally stable if $R_0 < 1$. On the other hand, the endemic equilibrium point is proved to be stable if $R_0 > 1$. Also, the numerical simulation study of the model is carried out using ode45 of MATLAB: Rung – Kutta order four. It is observed that, if the vaccination and treatment rates are increased then the infective population size decreases and even fall to zero over time. Hence, it is concluded that the use of vaccination and treatment at the highest possible rates is essential so as to control the spread hepatitis B virus.

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1. Introduction

Hepatitis is an infectious disease that causes inflammation of the liver in human body. This disease is divided into five categories of which one is hepatitis B and it is caused by the hepatitis B virus. The hepatitis B infections occur only if the virus is able to enter the blood stream and reach the liver. In the liver the virus reproduces large numbers of virus and releases into blood streams [1]. The hepatitis B infection is categorized into two types: (i) Acute hepatitis B which has no treatment so far and (ii) Chronic hepatitis B which has treatment.

The acute hepatitis B infection can range in severity from a mild illness with few or no symptoms to a serious condition requiring hospitalization. For those who are affected by this disease, the doctors usually recommend rest, adequate nutrition, fluids, and close medical monitoring. However, there is no medical treatment for this disease but only

supportive care [7].

In contraction, there are several approved medications to treat a person who is infected by chronic hepatitis B virus [1]. The chronic HBV infection has some complications including cirrhosis or primary liver cancer.

The spread of HBV is one of the major health problems in the world. It is a major cause of mortality and morbidity globally. According to WHO (2015) over one – third of the world's population i.e., more than 2 billion people, have been or are actively infected with HBV and of which 257 million persons are living with chronic HBV infection in the world [2]. However, one million people die each year due to this disease. More than 90% of infected adults will recover naturally within the first year of infection even though some of them will not even show any symptoms of the disease [3].

The prevalence of HBV infection varies from country to country, depending upon a complex behavioral, environmental and host factors [4]. Africa has the second

largest number of chronic HBV carriers, after Asia, and is considered as highly endemic. The Africa and western pacific regions accounted for 68% of the infected [2].

In Ethiopia, hepatitis B affects 240 million people. Each year an estimated 650000 people die from liver disease or liver cancer caused by HBV [5].

Hepatitis B virus is transmitted in many ways. The virus is found in the blood or certain body fluids and is spread when blood or body fluid from an infected person enters the body of a person who is not infected. This can occur in a variety of ways including: sex with an infected person; blood to blood product; and shared syringes, razors and brushes; mothers can pass the infection to their children during pregnancy or breast feeding; contact with wounds or skin sores; when an infected person bites another person; pre-chewing food for babies [6, 7].

Many people with hepatitis B do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected [1]. If symptoms occur, they can include: fever, feeling tired, not wanting to eat, upset stomach, throwing up, dark urine, grey – colored stool, joints pain, yellow skin and eyes.

Moneim and Khalil (2015) study modeling and simulation of the spread of HBV disease with infectious latent. The authors also studied the global behavior of the spread of the disease using a SEIR model with a constant vaccination rate. It is assumed that the infectivity during the incubation period is considered as a second way of transmission. The basic reproduction number R_0 is derived as a function of the two contact rates β_1 and β_2 . The disease free equilibrium point of the model is found and shown that it is asymptotically stable if $R_0 < 1$. On the other hand, the endemic equilibrium point is stable if $R_0 > 1$ and that the disease is persisted in the population. Simulation study of the model has been conducted with varying vaccination parametric values [8]. However, there are some gaps in that study: the authors considered both the acute and chronic infected populations as belong to one compartment; also the study did not consider the treatment.

In the present research, the authors considered that the acute and the chronic infected populations belong to two separate compartments. Thus, the gaps left in the study [8] are filled by replacing SEIR model with a $SEI_C I_A R$ model. That is, in the new and present model the whole human population is divided in to five compartments: susceptible S ; exposed E ; chronic infective I_C ; acute infective I_A ; and recovered R . Also the present study considers both vaccination and treatment so as to prevent the spread of HBV.

2. Mathematical Formulation of the Model

The present mathematical model is aimed to help in understanding the dynamics and spread of hepatitis B virus diseases. In this section, a five compartmental $SEI_C I_A R$ model is formulated based on the deterministic approach. Also the model assumptions and flow diagram are

included. Further, the validity of the model is verified by proving that all the model variables are both positive and bounded. The disease free equilibrium point, endemic equilibrium point and the basic reproduction number of the model are found.

2.1. Model Assumptions

The modified $SEI_C I_A R$ model of the present study is constructed based on the following assumptions:

The population is divided into five classes: the susceptible S ; the exposed E ; the chronic infective I_C ; the acute infective I_A ; and the recovered R .

Age, sex, social status and race do not affect the probability of getting infected.

A susceptible individual can be infected only by contacting with infectious individuals.

There is vaccination for newly born babies against hepatitis B.

The chronic carriers are treated.

Acute infections are not subjected to treatment. But, some of them are cured due to natural immunity.

The exposed individuals are not infectious. That is, they are not capable of transmitting virus.

The susceptible population has not yet infected by the disease but likely to get infected in future. Susceptible population increases due to recruit men to find individuals with a rate $\lambda(1-p)$ but, reduces due to natural death with a rate μ .

The exposed population comprises of those individuals who are infected but not yet infectious i.e., they are not capable of transmitting virus. This shows that the transmission rate of the HBV disease is assumed to be the contact rate between the susceptible and the infective [9]. The exposed class grows with the incidence rate $[(c_1\beta_1 + c_2\beta_2)/N]$ but decreases due to the natural death rate of μ , due to transfer to I_C with a rate c_1 , and due to transfer to I_A with a rate c_2 .

The chronic infective class comprises those individuals who are infected and also capable of transmitting the disease. But, this category population has medical treatment. Chronic infective class grows with a rate c_1 as people flow in from the exposed class but decrease due to natural death rate μ , death rate due to disease θ and by treatment rate γ_1 .

Acute infective class comprises of those who are infected and also capable of transmitting the disease. Acute infections are not subjected to antiviral treatment but some of them have the possibility of being cured due to natural immunity [10]. Size of this class increases by a rate c_2 as people flow in from exposed class. But, the class size decrease due to natural death rate μ , death due to virus at the rate α and at recovered rate γ_2 .

Finally, removed class increases due to a successful cure of chronic infected patients at the treatment rate γ_1 ; vaccinated population with a rate λp ; and cure of acute infected patients due natural immunity at rate γ_2 . Further, the population size decreases due to natural death rate μ .

The notations and description of both the parameters and variables used in the model equations are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Descriptions of parameters and variables used in $SEI_C I_A R$ model equations.

Parameter /Variable	Description
$S(t)$	Size of susceptible population
$E(t)$	Size of exposed population
$I_C(t)$	Size of chronic infective population
$I_A(t)$	Size of acute infective population
$R(t)$	Size of recovered population
$N(t)$	Size of the total population
β_1	Transmission rate from S to I_C
β_2	Transmission rate from S to I_A
λ	Recruitment rate
θ	Death rate in I_C due to disease
γ_1	Treatment rate of I_C
γ_2	Recovered rate of I_A
c_1	Rate of transfer from E to I_C
c_2	Rate of transfer from E to I_A
μ	Natural death rate
α	Death rate in I_A due to disease
p	Vaccination rate

The compartmental flow chart showing the compartments and flow directions of people is given in Figure 1. In that figure, the variables, parameters and recruitment, treatment, vaccination, transfer and death rates are also indicated.

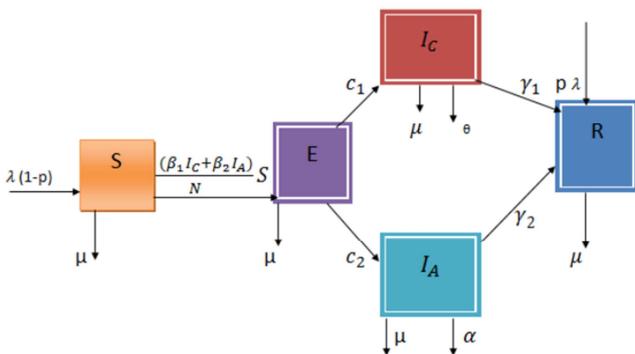


Figure 1. Flow diagram for $SEI_C I_A R$ model.

Including the model assumptions and flow of the people shown in the model diagram, the system of ODE equations representing the $SEI_C I_A R$ model can be constructed as follows:

$$dS/dt = \lambda(1 - p) - [(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)S/N] - \mu S \tag{1}$$

$$dE/dt = (\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)S/N - \mu E - c_1 E - c_2 E \tag{2}$$

$$dI_C/dt = c_1 E - \theta I_C - \mu I_C - \gamma_1 I_C \tag{3}$$

$$dI_A/dt = c_2 E - \alpha I_A - \mu I_A - \gamma_2 I_A \tag{4}$$

$$dR/dt = \gamma_2 I_A + \gamma_1 I_C + \lambda p - \mu R \tag{5}$$

Here, in (1) to (5) the total population size is denoted by N and hence $S + E + I_C + I_A + R = N$.

2.2. Positivity of the Solution

In order to show that the modified $SEI_C I_A R$ model equations (1) to (5) are to be epidemiologically meaningful and well posed, it is needed to prove that all the state variables are non negative. This fact has been stated as a

theorem and the solution is given as a proof as follows:

Theorem 1 If the initial population sizes of the model are positive then the population sizes at any time are non negative. In other words, if $S(0) > 0, E(0) \geq 0, I_C(0) \geq 0, I_A(0) \geq 0, R(0) > 0$ then the solutions $S(t), E(t), I_C(t), I_A(t), R(t)$ of equations (1) to (5) are non negative for all $t > 0$.

Proof:

The positivity of the model variables are proved one by one starting with the susceptible population.

The first equation (1) of the system $dS/dt = \lambda(1 - p) - [(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)S/N] - \mu S$ can be expressed as an inequality, without loss of generality, as $dS/S \geq -\{[(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)/N] + \mu\} dt$. Now, up on integrating on both sides of the inequality, the solution is obtained as $S(t) \geq S(0)e^{-\int \{[(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)/N] + \mu\} dt}$. Since $S(0) > 0$ and the exponential function is always non-negative, it is clear from the foregoing inequality that $S(t)$ is a positive quantity. Hence, the solution or the population size of the susceptible compartment $S(t)$ is always positive.

Secondly let us consider the differential equation (2) as $dE/dt = [(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)S/N] - \mu E - c_1 E - c_2 E$ can be expressed as an inequality, without loss of generality, as $dE/E \geq -(\mu + c_1 + c_2)dt$. Now, up on integrating on both sides of the inequality, the solution is obtained as $E(t) \geq e^{-(\mu+c_1+c_2)t}$. Since $E(0) \geq 0$ and the exponential function is always non-negative, it is clear from the foregoing inequality that $E(t)$ is a positive quantity. Hence, the solution or the population size of the exposed compartment $E(t)$ is always positive.

Thirdly, let us consider the differential equation (3) which as $dI_C/dt = c_1 E - \theta I_C - \mu I_C - \gamma_1 I_C$ can be expressed as an inequality, without loss of generality, as $dI_C/dt \geq -(\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)dt$. Now, up on integrating on both sides of the inequality, the solution is obtained as $I_C(t) \geq I_C(0)e^{-(\theta+\mu+\gamma_1)t}$. Since $I_C(0) \geq 0$ and the exponential function is always non-negative, it is clear from the foregoing inequality that $I_C(t)$ is a positive quantity. Hence, the solution or the population size of the chronic infective compartment $I_C(t)$ is always positive.

Fourthly, let us consider the differential equation (4) of the system which as $dI_A/dt = c_2 E - \alpha I_A - \mu I_A - \gamma_2 I_A$ can be expressed as an inequality, without loss of generality, as $\frac{dI_A}{I_A} \geq -(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)dt$. Now, up on integrating on both sides of the inequality, the solution is obtained as $I_A(t) \geq I_A(0)e^{-(\alpha+\mu+\gamma_2)t}$. Since, $I_A(0) \geq 0$ and the exponential function is always non-negative, it is clear from the foregoing inequality that $I_A(t)$ is a positive quantity. Hence, the solution or the population size of the acute infective compartment $I_A(t)$ is always positive.

Finally, consider equation (5) which as $dR/dt = \gamma_2 I_A + \gamma_1 I_C + \lambda p - \mu R$ can be expressed as an inequality, without loss of generality, as $dR/dt \geq -\mu dt$. Since, $R(0) > 0$ and the exponential function is always non-negative, it is clear from the foregoing inequality that $R(t)$ is a positive quantity. Hence, the solution or the population size of the recover compartment $R(t)$ is always positive.

Therefore, the solutions $\{S(t), E(t), I_C(t), I_A(t), R(t)\}$ of

the system of equations (1) to (5) are non negative for all $t > 0$.

2.3. Boundedness of the Solution Region

In order to show that the solution of the present model equations (1) to (5) is bounded it is needed to prove that the total population size $N(t)$ is bounded. This fact has been stated in Theorem 2 and the proof is give as follows:

Theorem 2 All the solutions $S(t), E(t), I_C(t), I_A(t), R(t)$ of the system of equations (1) to (5) are bounded.

Proof: Here, instead of showing that the population size of each compartment is bounded separately, it is preferred as it is simple and straight forward, to show that the total population size is bounded. Now, the total population size, given by $S + E + I_C + I_A + R = N$, upon differentiating with respect to time t takes the form as $(dN/dt) = (dS/dt) + (dE/dt) + (dI_C/dt) + (dI_A/dt) + (dR/dt)$.

On using the equations (1) to (5) and after performing some algebraic operations the foregoing equation reduces to an inequality and takes the form as $(dN/dt) + N\mu \leq \lambda$. Integrating both sides of the differential inequality and on applying the initial conditions the solution is obtained as $N(t) \leq (\lambda/\mu) + [N(0) - (\lambda/\mu)]e^{-\mu t}$. Thus, as $t \rightarrow \infty$ the solution leads to $N(t) \leq (\lambda/\mu)$. This implies that the upper boundary for the total population size $N(t)$ is (λ/μ) .

Therefore, any solution of the system of equations (1) to (5) is bounded since $0 \leq N(t) \leq (\lambda/\mu)$. Therefore, all the feasible solutions of system (1) to (5) form the solution regions $\Omega = \{(S(t), E(t), I_C(t), I_A(t), R(t)) \in R_{\{+\}}^{[5]} : (S(t), E(t), I_C, I_A, R(t)) \geq 0; N(t) \leq (\lambda/\mu)\}$. Here it can be observed that Ω is a positively invariant set under the flow induced by the model system (1) to (5). Hence the system is biologically meaningful and mathematically well – posed.

$$f_i = \begin{bmatrix} [(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)S/N] \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_i = \begin{bmatrix} (\mu + c_1 + c_2)E \\ -c_1 E + (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)I_C \\ -c_2 E + (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)I_A \end{bmatrix}$$

Differentiating with respect to the variables E, I_C, I_A and solving them at the disease free equilibrium point E_0 gives

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \beta_1 S^*/N^* & \beta_2 S^*/N^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } V = \begin{bmatrix} (\mu + c_1 + c_2) & 0 & 0 \\ -c_1 & (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1) & 0 \\ -c_2 & 0 & (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Following the foregoing procedure, the reproduction number for the model (1) to (5) can be obtained as

$$R_0 = (1 - p)[(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)c_1\beta_1 + (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)c_2\beta_2]/(\mu + c_1 + c_2)(\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)$$

Recall that as per the definition, the condition $R_0 < 1$ indicates that an infected individual produces less than one new infected individual over the course of its infectious period, and the infection can not spread. On the other hand, $R_0 > 1$ indicates that each infected individual produces on average more than one new infections and the disease can invade the population.

2.4. Disease Free Equilibrium Point of the Model

Disease free equilibrium points are steady state solutions of a mathematical model indicating that there is no disease. Hence, in absence of the disease both the exposed and infected populations do vanish i.e., $E^* = I_C^* = I_A^* = 0$. Up on substituting these in the model equations (1) to (5) and after some algebraic computations the disease free equilibrium point E_0 of the present model is obtained as $E_0 = (S^*, E^*, I_C^*, I_A^*, R^*) = \{[\lambda(1 - p)/\mu], 0, 0, 0, (\lambda/\mu)\}$.

2.5. Basic Reproduction Number

The basic reproduction number R_0 is defined as the effective number of secondary infections caused by typical infected individual during his entire period of infectiousness [11]. The basic reproductive number for the general model (1) to (5) can be determined using the next generation matrix method [12].

Thus, mathematically it is defined as $R_0 = \rho(FV^{-1})$. Here, $\rho(FV^{-1})$ represents the spectral radius of the matrix FV^{-1} and it is given by

$$FV^{-1} = \left[\frac{\partial F_i(x_0)}{\partial x_j} \right] \left[\frac{\partial V_i(x_0)}{\partial x_j} \right]^{-1}$$

Here, F_i is the rate of appearance of new infections in the compartment i and V_i is the transfer of individuals in and out of compartment i . That is, $V_i = V_i^- - V_i^+$. Here V_i^+ is the rate transfer of individuals into compartment i and V_i^- is the rate of transfer of individuals out of compartment i . The rates of change of populations in these compartments are given by the equations (2), (3) and (4).

2.6. Endemic Equilibrium Point

Endemic equilibriums are steady state solutions when the disease persists in the population. Assume that the HBV will persist in the population. Thus, the endemic equilibrium of the modified model denoted by $E_1 = (\hat{S}, \hat{E}, \hat{I}_C, \hat{I}_A, \hat{R})$ is obtained by setting the left hand sides of the equations (1) to (5) to zero as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S} &= [\hat{N}(1 - p)/R_0]; \hat{E} = [(1 - p)(R_0 - \mu \hat{N})/R_0(\mu + c_1 + c_2)]; \hat{I}_C \\ &= [c_1(R_0 - \mu \hat{N})(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)/c_1\beta_1(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2) + c_2\beta_2(\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)]; \hat{I}_A \\ &= [c_2(1 - p)(R_0 - \mu \hat{N})/R_0(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)(\mu + c_1 + c_2)]; \hat{R} = [\gamma_2 I_A + \gamma_1 I_C + \lambda p/\mu]. \end{aligned}$$

3. Stability Analysis of the SEI_CI_AR Model

In this section, the existence and stability of equilibrium points are briefly described using Routh – Hurwitz criterion. Also it is shown that the disease free equilibrium points is locally and globally stable and endemic equilibrium point is locally stable.

$$|J(E_0) - kI| = \begin{vmatrix} -(u + k) & 0 & -\beta_1 S^* & -\beta_2 S^* & 0 \\ 0 & -(s_1 + k) & \beta_1 S^* & \beta_2 S^* & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & -(s_2 + k) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & 0 & -(s_3 + k) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & -(u + k) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Here in $J(E_0) - kI$, for simplicity some expressions are denoted by notations as $s_1 = (\mu + c_1 + c_2)$, $s_2 = (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)$ and $s_3 = (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)$ and also $S^* = [S^*/N^*]$. The eigenvalues of the matrix $J(E_0)$ are the solutions of the characteristic equation $|J(E_0) - kI| = 0$. Then we obtain $k_1 = k_2 = -\mu$ where the parameter μ , is positive, we conclude that the eigenvalues k_1 and k_2 are real distinct and negative and the characteristics polynomial is $p(k) = k^3 + (s_1 + s_2 + s_3)k^2 + (s_1s_2 + s_1s_3 + s_2s_3 - c_1\beta_1S^* - c_2\beta_2S^*)k + s_1s_2s_3 - c_1\beta_1S^*s_3 - c_2\beta_2S^*s_2$.

By Routh – Hurwitz criteria the polynomial of order to $n = 3$ takes the form as $p(k) = k^3 + a_1k^2 + a_2k + a_3$ where the coefficients of the characteristics polynomial represent the expressions as $a_1 = (s_1 + s_2 + s_3)$, $a_2 = (s_1s_2 + s_1s_3 + s_2s_3 - c_1\beta_1S^* - c_2\beta_2S^*)$, $a_3 = s_1s_2s_3 - c_1\beta_1S^*s_3 - c_2\beta_2S^*s_2$.

Conditions required for Routh – Hurwitz criteria for $n = 3$ are (i) $a_1 > 0$; (ii) $a_3 > 0$ and (iii) $a_1a_2 > a_3$. Since, $s_1 = (\mu + c_1 + c_2)$, $s_2 = (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)$ and $s_3 = (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)$.

Now, the conditions for Routh – Hurwitz criteria are verified as follows: (i) $a_1 = (s_1 + s_2 + s_3) > 0$. Also $a_2 = ((\mu + c_1 + c_2) + (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1) + (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2)) > 0$. This implies that $a_2 > 0$. (ii) $a_3 = s_1s_2s_3 - c_1\beta_1S^*s_3 - c_2\beta_2S^*s_2 > 0$ but since, $S^* = [S^*/N^*] = (1 - p)$ implying that $(\mu + c_1 + c_2)(\theta + \mu + \gamma_1)(\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2) > (1 - p)(c_1\beta_1 + c_2\beta_2)$ and results that $a_3 > 0$ and (iii) $a_1a_2 > a_3$. Here, depending on the first two conditions it is straight forward that $a_1a_2 > a_3$ and thus all parameters are positive.

Therefore, by Routh-Hurwitz criteria the system of ordinary differential equation (1) to (5) is locally stable at

$$J(E_1 - kI) = \begin{vmatrix} -(w + k) & 0 & -\beta_1 S^* & -\beta_2 S^* & 0 \\ u & -(x + k) & \beta_1 S^* & \beta_2 S^* & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & -(y + k) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & 0 & -(z + k) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & -(\mu + k) \end{vmatrix}$$

3.1. Local Stability Analysis of Disease Free Equilibrium

Theorem 3 The disease free equilibrium point E_0 of equations (1) to (5) is locally a stable if $R_0 < 1$ and unstable if $R_0 > 1$.

Proof: Here, the stability of the disease free equilibrium of the system of differential equations (1) to (5) is analyzed. The Jacobian matrix is computed at the disease free equilibrium and it takes the form as

disease free equilibrium point if $R_0 < 1$.

3.2. Global Stability of the Disease Free Equilibrium Point

Theorem 4 The disease free equilibrium point E_0 of the system of ordinary differential equations is globally stable if $R_0 < 1$.

Proof: The rate of change of the variables representing the infected components of the model system of differential equation (1) to (5) can be re-written as $dX/dt = F(X, I)$; $dI/dt = G(X, I)$; $G(X, 0) = 0$. Here, $X = (S, R)$ and $I = (E, I_C, I_A)$. If $R_0 < 1$ then, the following conditions H_1 and H_2 must be satisfied to guarantee globally stable: Here H_1 represents $dX/dt = F(X, 0)$ E_0 is globally stable; and similarly H_2 stands for $G(X, I) = AI - G^*(X, I)$, $G^*(X, I) > 0$ for $(X, I) \in \Omega$. Where $A = F - V$. Now, the matrix $G^*(X, I) = AI - G(X, I)$ takes the form as

$$G^*(X, I) = \begin{bmatrix} [(\beta_1 I_C + \beta_2 I_A)[1 - p - (S/N)]] \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, it can be observed that $[p + (S/N)] \leq 1$. Thus, it is clear that $G^*(X, I) \geq 0$ and as a consequence H_2 is satisfied.

Hence, by comparison theorem [13], the disease-free equilibrium E_0 is globally stable for the model system (1) to (5) if $R_0 < 1$.

3.3. Local Stability of Endemic Equilibrium Point

Theorem 5 The positive endemic equilibrium point E_1 of the system of equations (1) to (5) is locally asymptotically stable, if $R_0 > 1$.

The Jacobian matrix at (E_1) is

Here,

$$w = [\beta_1 I_C^* + \beta_2 I_A^* / N^*] - \mu; \quad x = (\mu + c_1 + c_2); \quad y = (\theta + \mu + \gamma_1); \quad z = (\alpha + \mu + \gamma_2); \quad u = [\beta_1 I_C^* + \beta_2 I_A^* / N^*]; \quad S^* = [S^* / N^*]$$

Now, the characteristic polynomial is

$$P(k) = k^5 + a_1 k^4 + a_2 k^3 + a_3 k^2 + a_4 k + a_5.$$

Here in $P(k)$ the polynomial coefficients represent the following expressions:

$$a_1 = (x + y + z + \mu + w);$$

$$a_2 = (xy + xz + zy + \mu x + \mu y + \mu z + wx + wy + wz + w\mu - \beta_1 c_1 S^* - \beta_2 c_2 S^*)$$

$$a_3 = (zxy + \mu xy + \mu zx + \mu zy + wxy + wxz + wzy + w\mu x + w\mu y + w\mu z - \beta_1 c_1 S^* z - \beta_1 c_1 S^* \mu - w\beta_1 c_1 S^* - \beta_2 c_2 S^* y - \beta_2 c_2 S^* \mu - w\beta_2 c_2 S^* + \beta_1 c_1 S^* + \beta_2 c_2 S^*)$$

$$a_4 = (\mu zxy + wzxy + w\mu xy + w\mu zy + w\mu zx - \beta_1 S^* c_1 z - \beta_1 c_1 S^* z\mu - w\beta_1 c_1 S^* z - w\beta_1 c_1 S^* \mu - \beta_2 c_2 S^* y\mu - w\beta_2 c_2 S^* y - w\beta_2 c_2 S^* \mu + \beta_1 c_1 S^* uz + \beta_1 c_1 S^* u\mu + \beta_2 c_2 S^* y + \beta_2 c_2 S^* \mu)$$

$$a_5 = (w\mu zxy - w\beta_1 c_1 S^* z\mu - w\beta_2 c_2 S^* y\mu + \beta_1 c_1 S^* uz\mu + \beta_2 c_2 S^* uy\mu)$$

By Routh-Hurwitz criteria the determinant of Hurwitz matrix becomes positive if the following conditions hold true: $a_1 > 0$; $a_2 > 0$; $a_3 > 0$; $a_4 > 0$; $a_5 > 0$; $a_3 a_4 > a_2 a_5$; $a_5 a_1 a_2 > a_3$; and $a_5 > a_1 a_4$. But, all the parameters of the modified model are positive.

Thus, all the roots of the characteristic polynomial are negative and this verifies that the system (1) to (5) is locally asymptotically stable if $R_0 > 1$.

4. Numerical Simulation and Discussion

The numerical simulation study of the model is conducted here. For that purpose the sensitive parameters are to be assigned certain valid values. The values of some parameters are taken from the literature and those of the remaining are assumed. However, the list and details are given in Table 2. Also, the initial population sizes considered as $S(0) = 5000, E(0) = 4000, I_C(0) = 3000, I_A(0) = 2000, R(0) = 1000$.

Table 2. Values for parameters used for $SEI_C I_A R$ simulation.

Parameter	Value	Source
β_1	0.017	[12]
β_2	0.017	[12]
λ	2000	Assumption
θ	0.025	Assumption
γ_1	0.025	[20]
γ_2	0.024	Assumption
c_1	0.3	Assumption
c_2	0.2	[20]
μ	0.03	[16]
α	0.015	Assumption
ρ	0.4	Assumption

4.1. Population Sizes of the Compartments with Different Reproductive Numbers

From Figure 2 we see that all compartments accept susceptible and recovery converges to zero. In this case the

value of $R_0 = 0.128$ which is $R_0 < 1$. This shows all compartment converges to disease free equilibrium point. Therefore, this provides absence of disease in the population and the disease dies out.

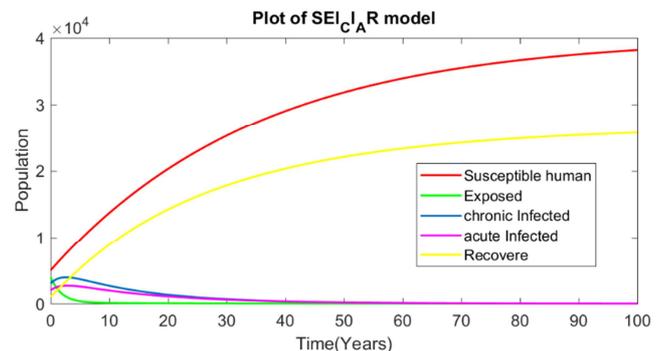


Figure 2. Numerical simulation of $SEI_C I_A R$ model for $R_0 = 0.128$.

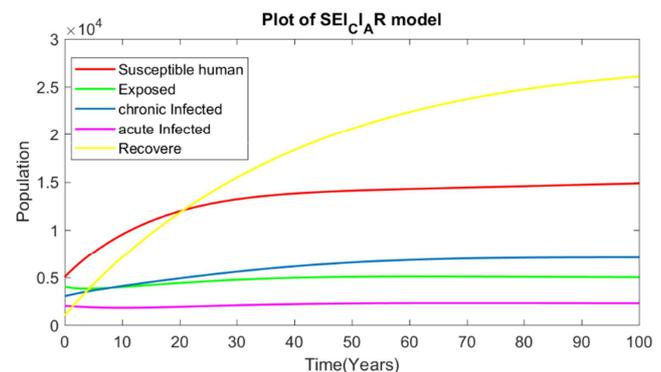


Figure 3. Numerical simulation of $SEI_C I_A R$ model for $R_0 = 3.5887$.

From Figure 3 we observe that the value of $R_0 = 3.558$ which is $R_0 > 1$. For R_0 greater than one an infective person will produce averagely more than one infectious which makes the disease to stay endemic and the disease persist in the population.

4.2. The Role of Vaccination on the Dynamics of the Disease

In Figure 4 it is observed that if the vaccination is increased then the chronic infective population is decreased accordingly.

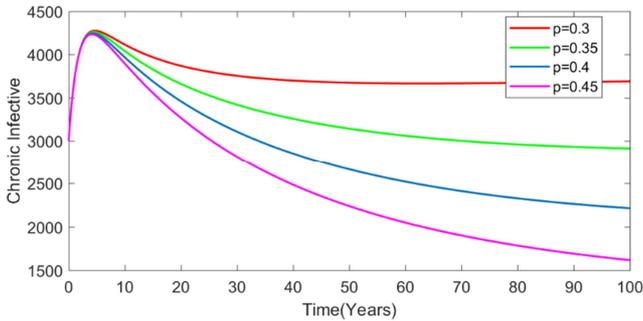


Figure 4. The role of vaccination on chronic infective population.

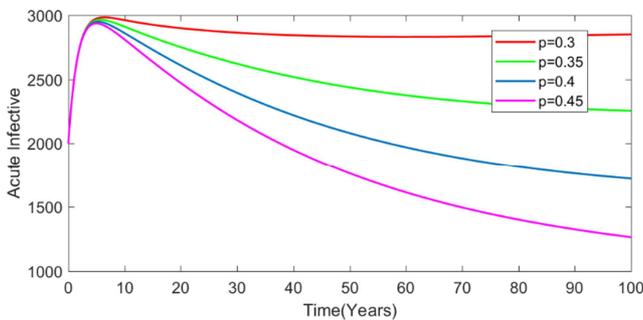


Figure 5. The role of vaccination on acute infective population.

In Figure 5 it is observed that if the vaccination is increased then the acute infective population is decreased.

The simulation studies in Figures 4, 5 indicate that the increase in the vaccination rate results in the decrease of the infectious population sizes. Symbolically, the quantities I_C and I_A will decrease as p increase. This simulation study indicates that the vaccination can play a great role to prevent the spread of hepatitis B virus disease.

4.3. The Role of Treatment Rate on Chronic Infective Population

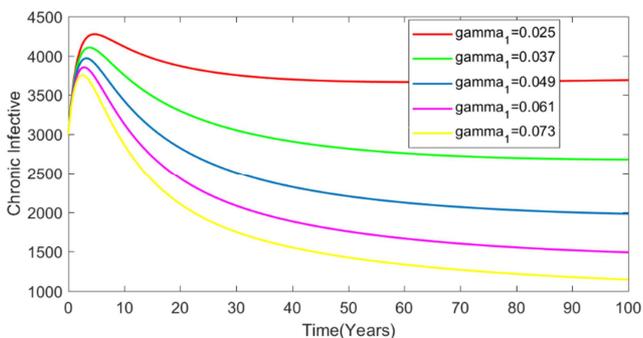


Figure 6. The role of treatment rate on chronic infective population.

From Figure 6 it is observed that as the treatment rate is increased the chronic infective population size is decreased. This shows that the treatment of chronic infective population

has a great role in eliminating the hepatitis B disease. Thus, the public must be educated so that chronic infective people will take the medical treatment on time and thus leading to elimination of the disease.

4.4. The Effect of Transmission Rate on Infective Population

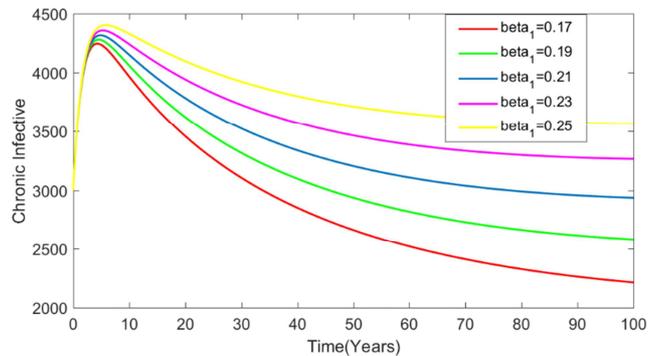


Figure 7. The effect of transmission rate on chronic infective.

From figure 7 we observe that as transmission rate (β_1) increase then chronic infective population becomes increase. This shows one chronic infective person will produce averagely more than one infectious.

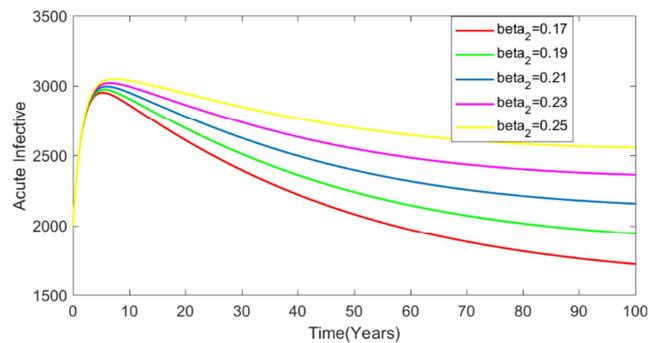


Figure 8. The effect of transmission rate on chronic infective.

From Figure 8 we observe that as transmission rate (β_2) increase acute infective also increase. This shows one acute infective person will produce averagely more than one infectious.

Because if the transmission rate increase, then after some times the basic reproduction number is increase or R_0 become greater than 1 that is the disease persist in the population and infective population becomes increase.

4.5. The Effect of Sensitive Parameters on Basic Reproductive Number

From Figure 9 it can be observed that some of the parameters are directly proportional to the basic reproduction number since they contribute for its growth while the remaining are inversely proportional since they contribute for the decay. The parameters $\beta_1, \beta_2, c_1, c_2$, have direct proportionality with R_0 . In contrast, the parameters $p, \theta, \alpha, \mu, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ have inverse proportionality with R_0 .

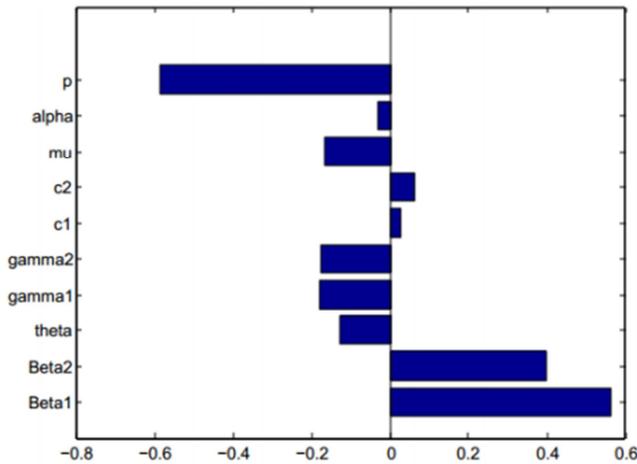


Figure 9. Effect of the sensitive parameters on the basic reproduction number.

5. Conclusions

In this study, the existing four – compartmental $SEIR$ model is modified and extended to a five compartmental $SEI_C I_A R$ model to describe the population dynamics with respect to HBV disease. The spread of HBV by considered with the inclusion of both vaccination and treatment rates. The present model is mathematically well-posed and biologically meaningful since the model variables are proved to be both positive and bounded.

Through the stability analysis it is shown that the disease free equilibrium point E_0 is locally and globally stable if $R_0 < 1$. This means that the transmission of disease is under control and because of this reason all individuals will survive. On the other hand, the disease free equilibrium point E_0 is unstable if $R_0 > 1$ which means that the disease invade or persist the population. However, the endemic equilibrium point E_1 is locally stable if $R_0 > 1$.

The numerical simulation study shows that if the transmission rate increases then both chronic and acute infective populations will also increase. Additionally, if the vaccination rates increases then the infective population will decrease. Furthermore, if the treatment rate γ_1 is increased then the chronic infective will decrease. Therefore, in order to prevent the spread of hepatitis B virus it is advised to (i) increase the vaccination to newly born babies and (ii) increase medical treatment to chronic infective population.

Thus, the mathematical analysis and simulation results of this study indicate that in preventing the spread of hepatitis B virus both the vaccination and treatment play a great positive

role.

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