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### TRANSMISSION DYNAMICS OF YELLOW FEVER WITH TOXIC INFECTED POPULATION

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**Abstract.** Yellow fever is currently affecting the African subcontinent, with Ghana accounting for the majority of confirmed cases (37.7%). As infections resurface in regions that have been free of yellow fever for more than a decade, it has become crucial to develop a mathematical model that accurately represents the transmission dynamics of yellow fever within a toxic infected population. The analysis of the existence and stability of the models' equilibrium points is conducted. The sensitivity index study revealed that **a**,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\gamma$  were the most sensitive parameters influencing the spread of yellow fever. The model is numerically solved using MAT-LAB ODE45 to determine its epidemiological implications. Preventing the advancement from infected ( $I_H$ ) to toxic infected ( $D_H$ ) individuals is essential, necessitating prompt intervention; hence, to mitigate the spread, it is imperative to decrease the contact rate between  $D_H$  and the susceptible individuals. The dynamics of  $D_H$  emphasize the significance of focusing on severe cases, for controlling outbreaks. Also, the stabilization phase of infected vectors suggests that measures aimed at vector reproduction or mortality may help limit the spread over time.

**Keywords:** yellow fever; basic reproductive number; local and global stability; sensitivity analysis; trivial equilibrium.

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### **1.** INTRODUCTION

Yellow fever(YF) is an infectious disease that is persistent in Africa [1]. It is a viral disease and one of the most dangerous diseases spread by mosquitoes. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected mosquitos, specifically the Aedes and Haemagogus mosquito species. It is an overlooked tropical infection that has received limited research attention [2]. YF is predominantly found in Africa, Central and South America, but it has previously caused huge epidemics in Europe and North America [3].

Recent outbreaks in Angola (2015-2016) [4] and Brazil (2016-2017) [5] highlight the virus's continued threat to public health. Yellow fever cases have risen dramatically over the last 15 years, with the majority occurring in West Africa [6].

The incidents persist in Africa and South America. Predicting the epidemics requires considering local mosquito populations, YF virus strain, eco-climatic conditions, sociopolitical and demographic factors, and vaccine coverage [7]. YF remains a significant hazard to public health, particularly in Africa, where it infects an estimated 840,000-1.7 million people annually, causing 84,000-170,000 severe cases and 29,000-60,000 fatalities [8]. Ghana recently experienced a YF outbreak in the Savannah region, resulting in 70 confirmed cases and 30 deaths [9].

Mathematical modeling has significantly enhanced the potential for intervening in vectorborne neglected tropical diseases. Recent epidemiological research has demonstrated the importance of mathematical modeling in combating infectious disease outbreaks [6].

[6] proposed a mathematical model to analyze the transmission patterns of YF, considering human and vector (mosquito) populations. Their model was solved numerically using the 4th-order Runge-Kunta scheme and their results demonstrate that control strategies such as reducing mosquito biting rates, human-vector transmission

rates, and raising vaccine success rates can successfully slow disease spread.

[3] developed a sophisticated mathematical model to examine and simulate crucial epidemiological mechanisms behind the Angola YF outbreak. Their model was calibrated to measure YF cases and fatalities, while the basic reproduction number ( $R_0$ ) was determined as a measure of time. Although their research sheds light on the dynamics of YF breakout in Angola, but did not establish a theoretical stability for the disease to die out. [10] presented a fractional YF virus model, incorporating the Caputo derivative to analyze the dynamics of yellow fever virus transmission. Their results show that the Caputo fractional derivative provides more realistic information than the classical derivative and that the Adams-Bashfort-Moulton predictorcorrector method gives the expected depiction of the results for analyzing the dynamics of the projected model.

According to [11], YF is plaguing the African subcontinent, and according to Eliminate YF Epidemics (EYE), more than 25 African countries are classified as high-risk countries. Although the EYE strategy is a global plan to eradicate YF outbreaks by 2026, Ghana has been reported to have the majority of the confirmed cases (37.7%) [12]. As infections reoccur in regions that have been free of YF for over 10 years, it has become essential to develop a mathematical model that captures the transmission dynamics of yellow fever within a toxic infected population.

#### **2.** MODEL FORMULATION AND DESCRIPTION

A mathematical model for the transmission dynamics of YF within human and vector (mosquito) population is proposed. The human  $(N_H)$  and vector  $(N_V)$  populations are considered to be divided into compartments represented by state variables that change over time.  $N_H$  comprises of Susceptible  $S_H$ , Exposed  $E_H$ , Infected  $I_H$ , Toxic infected  $D_H$ , Vaccinated  $V_H$ , and Recovered  $R_H$  humans. Similarly,  $N_V$  includes Susceptible  $S_V$ , Exposed  $E_V$ , and Infected  $I_V$  mosquitoes. Hence, the total population is denoted as

(1) 
$$N(t) = S_H + E_H + I_H + D_H + V_H + R_H + S_V + E_V + I_V$$

Figure 1 presents the transfer diagram of transmission dynamics of yellow fever within two different populations.



FIGURE 1. Model formulation for YF.

Thus the model equations given the transfer diagram 1:

(2)  
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS_H}{dt} = \gamma - \lambda_1 S_H - \mu_H S_H - \alpha S_H \\ \frac{dE_H}{dt} = \lambda_1 S_H - (\sigma + \mu_H) E_H \\ \frac{dI_H}{dt} = \sigma E_H - (\mu_H + \rho + \tau) I_H \\ \frac{dD_H}{dt} = \tau I_H - (\mu_H + K_H + \omega) D_H \\ \frac{dV_H}{dt} = \alpha S_H - \varepsilon V_H - \mu_H V_H \\ \frac{dR_H}{dt} = \omega D_H + \rho I_H + \varepsilon V_H - \mu_H R_H \\ \frac{dS_V}{dt} = \Lambda - \lambda_2 S_V - \mu_V S_V \\ \frac{dE_V}{dt} = \lambda_2 S_V - (\phi_V + \mu_V) E_V \\ \frac{dI_V}{dt} = \phi_V E_V - \mu_V I_V \end{cases}$$

with initial conditions  $S_H = S_H(0), E_H = E_H(0), I_H = I_H(0), D_H = D_H(0), V_H = V_H(0), R_H = R_H(0), S_V = S_V(0), E_V = E_V(0), I_V = I_V(0)$ , where  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are defined as  $\lambda_1 = a\beta_1 I_V$  and  $\lambda_2 = a\beta_2(I_H + D_H)$ .

Variable	Description
$S_H$	number of Susceptible individuals
$E_H$	number of Exposed individuals
$I_H$	number of Infected individuals
$D_H$	number of Toxic infected individuals
$V_H$	number of Vaccinated individuals
$R_H$	number of Recovered individuals
$S_V$	number of Susceptible vectors
$E_V$	number of Exposed vectors
$I_V$	number of Infected vectors

TABLE 1. The description of the state variables of the YF model.

Theorem 1. Positivity and boundedness of solutions

Given  $\{S_H(t), E_H(t), I_H(t), D_H(t), V_H(t), R_H(t), S_V(t), E_V(t), I_V(t)\} \ge 0$  of system (2), then the set  $\{S_H(t), E_H(t), I_H(t), D_H(t), V_H(t), R_H(t), S_V(t), E_V(t), I_V(t)\}$  of solutions are non-negative and bounded  $\forall t > 0$  if there exist  $\limsup_{t \to \infty} N_H(t) \le \frac{\gamma}{\mu_H + \alpha}$ , and  $\limsup_{t \to \infty} N_V(t) \le \frac{\Lambda}{\mu_V}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathfrak{t}_1 = \sup\{t > 0 : S_H(t), E_H(t), I_H(t), D_H(t), V_H(t), R_H(t), S_V(t), E_V(t), I_V(t)\} \ge 0$ . It is sufficient for  $\mathfrak{t}_1 > 0$ , since all the compartments are more than zero.

If  $t < \infty$  then the state variables are equal to zero. From the susceptible individuals compartment of system (2),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_H}{dt} &= \gamma - \lambda_1 S_H - \mu_H S_H - \alpha S_H \\ \frac{dS_H}{dt} &= \gamma - \lambda_1 S_H - \mu_H S_H - \alpha S_H \\ \frac{dS_H}{dt} + (a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha) S_H &= \gamma \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ S_H e^{(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t} \right\} &= \gamma e^{(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t} \\ S_H(t_1) e^{(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t} - S_H(0) &= \int_0^{t_1} \gamma e^{(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t} dt > 0 \\ S_H(t_1) &= S_H(0) e^{-(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t_1} + e^{-(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t_1} \int_0^{t_1} \gamma e^{(a\beta_1 I_v + \mu_H + \alpha)t} dt > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $S_H(\mathfrak{t}_1) > 0$ . A similar approach on the rest of the compartments shows a positive states whenever t > 0.

Now, for boundedness,

$$0 < I_H < N_H$$
 and  $0 < I_V < N_V$ 

Adding the human compartments of model (2) gives:

$$\frac{dN_H}{dt} = \gamma - N_H \mu_H - D_H K_H$$
$$\gamma - (\mu_H - D_H K_H) N_H \le \frac{dN_H}{dt} \le \gamma - N_H \mu_H$$
$$\frac{\gamma}{\mu_H + D_H K_H} \le \liminf_{t \to \infty} N_H(t) \le \limsup_{t \to \infty} N_H(t) \le \frac{\gamma}{\mu_H + \alpha}$$

Similarly, for the vector population:

$$\frac{dN_V}{dt} = \Lambda - \mu_V N_V$$
$$\Lambda - \mu_V N_V \le \frac{dN_V}{dt} \le \Lambda - \mu_V N_V$$
$$\frac{\Lambda}{\mu_V} \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \inf N_V(t) \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup N_V(t) \le \frac{\Lambda}{\mu_V}$$

Hence, the state variables are bounded.

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## **3.** MODEL ANALYSIS

# **3.1.** Disease Free Equilibrium $(\mathfrak{E}_{o})$ .

The YF model (2) has a point  $\mathfrak{E}_{o}$ , obtained by setting the right-hand sides of the equations and the infected classes ( $E_H$ ,  $I_H$ ,  $D_H$ ,  $V_H$ ,  $R_H$ ,  $S_V$ ,  $E_V$ ,  $I_V$ ) to zero.

$$\mathfrak{E}_{\mathfrak{o}} = \left(rac{\gamma}{\mu_{H}+lpha}, 0, 0, 0, rac{lpha\gamma}{(\mu_{H}+lpha)(arepsilon+\mu_{H})}, 0, rac{\Lambda}{\mu_{V}}, 0, 0
ight)$$

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Parameter	Description	Value	Reference
а	Mosquito daily biting rate	0.5-0.7	[13]
$oldsymbol{eta}_1$	Transmission probability from vec-	0.3 per bite	[14]
	tor to host		
σ	Progression rate from exposed to	3-6 days	[3]
	infected class in human		
γ	Recruitment rate of human	10-800 per day	[15]
$\mu_H$	Natural death rate for human	$4.94\times10^{-5}$	[16]
$\mu_V$	Natural death rate for vector	0.35	[16]
Λ	Recruitment rate of mosquito	0.051	[15]
α	Effective vaccination rate of sus-	0.043 per day	[3]
	ceptible human		
$\beta_2$	Transmission probability from host	0.6 per bite	[17]
	to vector		
ε	Progression rate from vaccinated to	$0.143 \ day^{-1}$	[17]
	recovered class		
ρ	Progression rate from infected to re-	$0.143 \ day^{-1}$	[3]
	covered class		
$K_H$	Disease-induced death rate	$3.5\times10^{-4}~day^{-1}$	[3]
τ	Progression rate from infected to	15%	[3]
	toxic infected class		
$\phi_V$	Progression rate from exposed to	1/18	[3, 6]
	infected class in vector		
ω	Progression rate from toxic infected	$0.143 { m ~day^{-1}}$	[3, 18]
	to recovered class		

TABLE 2. Biological parameters and their descriptions along with values and references.

# **3.2.** The basic reproductive number $(\mathfrak{R}_0)$ .

Using the Next Generation Matrix approach, matrices F and V are key components used to calculate  $\Re_0$  and analyze the stability of disease-free equilibria [19].

$$J_V^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{(\sigma + \mu_H)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\\ \frac{\sigma}{((\sigma + \mu_H)(\mu_H + \rho + \tau))} & \frac{1}{(\mu_H + \rho + \tau)} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{\tau}{(\mu_H + \rho + \tau)(\mu_H + K_H + \omega)} & \frac{1}{(\mu_H + K_H + \omega)} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{(\phi_V + \mu_V)} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\phi_V}{(\mu_V(\phi_V + \mu_V))} & \frac{1}{\mu_V} \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain a non-zero sub-matrix A, which is a  $2 \times 2$  block formed by the interaction between the non-zero entries of Eq. (3)

(4) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{a\beta_1\gamma\phi_v}{\mu_V(\mu_H + \alpha)(\phi_V + \mu_V)} \\ \frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V}(\frac{(\mu_H + K_H + \omega) + \tau}{(\mu_H + \rho + \tau)(\mu_H + K_H + \omega)}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2}^{*} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{a\beta_{2}\Lambda\left(\mu_{H}+K_{H}+\omega\right)+a\beta_{2}\Lambda\tau}{\mu_{v}\left(\mu_{H}+\rho+\tau\right)\left(\mu_{H}+K_{H}+\omega\right)}\right)\left(\frac{a\beta_{1}\gamma\phi_{v}}{\mu_{V}\left(\phi_{V}+\mu_{V}\right)\left(\mu_{H}+\alpha\right)}\right)}$$

Hence the largest eigenvalue gives

(5) 
$$\Re_{o} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{a\beta_{2}\Lambda(\mu_{H}+K_{H}+\omega)+a\beta_{2}\Lambda\tau}{\mu_{v}(\mu_{H}+\rho+\tau)(\mu_{H}+K_{H}+\omega)}\right)\left(\frac{a\beta_{1}\gamma\phi_{v}}{\mu_{V}(\phi_{V}+\mu_{V})(\mu_{H}+\alpha)}\right)}$$

## **3.3.** Local stability of $\mathfrak{E}_{o}$ .

The local stability of  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mathfrak{o}}$  of system (2) is determined using the Next-Generation Matrix (NGM), such that  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is locally asymptotically stable whenever  $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{o}} < 1$  or otherwise.

$$J(\mathfrak{E}_{\mathfrak{o}}) = \begin{pmatrix} -k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{a\beta_1\gamma}{\mu_H + \alpha} \\ 0 & -k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma & -k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tau & -k_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho & \omega & \varepsilon & -\mu_H & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & -\frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & 0 & 0 & -\mu_V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & \frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_V & -\mu_V \end{pmatrix}$$

where the constants are defined as follows:

$$k_{1} = (\mu_{H} + \alpha), \quad k_{2} = a\beta_{1}\gamma,$$

$$k_{3} = (\sigma + \mu_{H}), \quad J = (a\beta_{1}I_{V} + \mu_{H} + \alpha),$$

$$k_{4} = (\mu_{H} + \rho + \tau), \quad k_{5} = (\mu_{H} + K_{H} + \omega),$$

$$k_{6} = (\varepsilon + \mu_{H}), \quad k_{7} = (\phi_{V} + \mu_{V})$$

The characteristic equation, given by  $P(\lambda) = |\lambda I - J(E_0)| = 0$ , is represented as:

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$$P(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{a\beta_1\gamma}{k_1} \\ 0 & \lambda + k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma & \lambda + k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tau & \lambda + k_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tau & \lambda + k_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho & \omega & \varepsilon & \lambda + \mu_H & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & -\frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & 0 & 0 & \lambda + \mu_V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & \frac{a\beta_2\Lambda}{\mu_V} & 0 & 0 & \lambda + \mu_V & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_V & \lambda + \mu_V \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

According to the Gershgorin circle theorem [20],  $\mathfrak{E}_{\mathfrak{o}}$  is locally asymptotically stable.

## **3.4.** Global stability of $\mathfrak{E}_{o}$ .

We investigate the global stability of the disease-free equilibrium using the Castillo-Chavez theorem [21]. We express our model in the form:

(6) 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dX}{dt} = F(X,Y), \\ \frac{dY}{dt} = G(X,Y), \quad G(X,0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $X = \{S_H, V_H, R_H, S_V\} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  represents the uninfected population, and  $Y = \{E_H, I_H, D_H, E_V, I_V\} \in \mathbb{R}^5$  denotes the infected population. Let  $E_0 = (X^*, 0)$ , where

$$X^* = \left(rac{\gamma}{\mu_H + lpha}, 0, 0, 0, rac{lpha \gamma}{(\mu_H + lpha)(arepsilon + \mu_H)}, 0, rac{\Lambda}{\mu_V}, 0, 0
ight).$$

The global asymptotic stability of  $E_0$ , must satisfied the following:

- $\mathfrak{H}_1$ : If  $\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X, 0)$ , then  $X^*$  is said to be globally stable.
- $\mathfrak{H}_2: \frac{dz}{dt} = D_Z G(X^*, 0) \hat{G}(X, Z)$ , with  $\hat{G}(X, Z) \ge 0$  for all  $(X, Z) \in \Omega$ , where  $D_Z G(X^*, 0)$  is the Jacobian of G(X, Z) with regards to  $(E_H, I_H, D_H, E_V, I_V)$ .

If the system (2) satisfies the above conditions, then according to [21], the theorem below holds.

**Theorem 2.** The equilibrium  $E_0 = (X^*, 0)$  of system (2) is said to be globally asymptotically stable whenever  $\Re_0 < 1$  such that  $\mathfrak{H}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_2$  are fulfilled.

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*Proof.* From equation (6), F(X,Y) and G(X,Y) given as:

$$F(X,Y) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma - \mu_H S_H - \alpha S_H \\ \alpha S_H - \varepsilon V_H - \mu_H V_H \\ \omega D_H + \rho I_H + \varepsilon V_H - \mu_H R_H \\ \Lambda - \lambda_2 - \mu_V S_v \end{pmatrix}, \quad G(X,Y) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 - (\sigma + \mu_H) E_H \\ \sigma E_H - (\mu_H + \rho + \tau) I_H \\ \tau I_H - (\mu_H + \kappa_H) D_H - \omega D_H \\ \lambda_2 - (\phi_V + \mu_V) E_V \\ \phi_V E_V - \mu_V I_V \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, from  $\mathfrak{H}_1$ , the solution of  $\frac{dX}{dt} = F(X,0)$ , as  $t \to \infty$  is  $X^* = \left(\frac{\gamma}{\mu_H + \alpha}, \frac{\alpha\gamma}{(\mu_H + \alpha)(\varepsilon + \mu_H)}, \frac{\Lambda}{\mu_V}\right)$ . Thus regardless of the initial condition,  $X^*$  is globally asymptotically stable.

The Jacobian  $D_Z G(X^*, 0)$  is:

$$D_Z G(X^*,0) = egin{pmatrix} -k_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & aeta_1 S_H \ \sigma & -k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & au & -k_5 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & aeta_2 S_V & aeta_2 S_V & -k_7 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_V & -\mu_V \end{pmatrix},$$

where,  $k_3 = (\sigma + \mu_H), k_4 = (\mu_H + \rho + \tau), k_5 = (\mu_H + K_H + \omega), k_7 = (\phi_V + \mu_V).$ 

From condition  $H_2$ , we compute:

$$\hat{G}(X,Z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\hat{G}(X,Z) \ge 0$ , it is clear that the conditions  $\mathfrak{H}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_2$  are satisfied and  $E_0 = (X^*,0)$  is global asymptotically stable.

## **3.5.** Existence of endemic equilibrium point $(\mathfrak{E}^*)$ .

Given the transmission rates  $\lambda_H^{**}$  and  $\lambda_V^{**}$ , we define:

(7) 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_H^{**} = a\beta_1 I_v \\ \lambda_V^{**} = a\beta_2 (I_H + D_H) \end{cases}$$

The equilibrium states for the host and vector populations of system (2) are :

(8)  
$$\begin{cases} S_{H}^{**} = \frac{\gamma}{(\lambda_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} + \alpha)} & E_{H}^{**} = \frac{\lambda_{H}^{**} S_{H}^{**}}{(\sigma + \mu_{H})} \\ I_{H}^{**} = \frac{\sigma E_{H}^{**}}{(\mu_{H} + \rho + \tau)} & D_{H}^{**} = \frac{\tau I_{H}^{**}}{(\mu_{H} + K_{H} + \omega)} \\ V_{H}^{**} = \frac{\alpha S_{H}^{**}}{(\varepsilon + \mu_{H})} & R_{H}^{**} = \frac{\omega D_{H}^{**} + \rho I_{H}^{**} + \varepsilon V_{H}^{**}}{\mu_{H}} \\ S_{V}^{**} = \frac{\Lambda}{(\lambda_{2}^{**} + \mu_{V})} & E_{V}^{**} = \frac{\lambda_{2}^{**}}{(\phi_{V} + \mu_{V})} & I_{V}^{**} = \frac{\phi_{V} E_{V}^{**}}{\mu_{V}} \end{cases}$$

# **3.6.** Local Stability of $\mathfrak{E}^*$ .

**Theorem 3.** The point  $\mathfrak{E}^*$  of system (2) is locally asymptotically stable if  $R_0 > 1$  and otherwise unstable.

$$(9) \quad \mathbf{J}(\mathfrak{E}^*) = \begin{bmatrix} -A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -a\beta_1 S_H^{**} \\ a\beta_1 I_V^{**} & -(\sigma + \mu_H) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma & -k_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \tau & -k_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\varepsilon + \mu_H) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \rho & \omega & \varepsilon & -\mu_H & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a\beta_2 S_V^{**} & -a\beta_2 S_V^{**} & 0 & 0 & -\mu_V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a\beta_2 S_V^{**} & a\beta_2 S_V^{**} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\phi_V + \mu_V) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_V & -\mu_V \end{bmatrix}$$

where A =  $(a\beta_1 I_V + k_1)$ .

According to equation (9),  $J(\mathfrak{E}^*)$  is a strictly column diagonally dominating matrix. Again,  $(-A, -(\sigma + \mu_H) - k_4, -k_{5'} - (\varepsilon + \mu_H), -\mu_H, -(\phi_V + \mu_V), -\mu_V) < 0$ , so all eigenvalues of  $J(\mathfrak{E}^*)$  have a real part. Using the Gershgorin circle theorem [22],  $\mathfrak{E}^*$  is locally stable if

(10) 
$$\begin{cases} |A| > |a\beta_1 S_H|, & |\sigma + \mu_H| > |a\beta_1 I_V|, & |k_4| > |\sigma|, |k_5| > |\tau|, \\ \mu_V| > |\phi_V| & |(\varepsilon + \mu_H)| > |\alpha|, & |\mu_H| > |\rho| + |\omega| + |\varepsilon|, \\ |\mu_V| > |a\beta_2 S_V| + |a\beta_2 S_V|, & |\phi_V + \mu_V| > |a\beta_2 S_V| + |a\beta_2 S_V||. \end{cases}$$

## **3.7.** Global stability of $\mathfrak{E}^*$ .

**Theorem 4.** The endemic equilibrium  $\mathfrak{E}^*$ , of system (2) is globally asymptotically stable if  $R_0 > 1$ .

*Proof.* Let *L* a Lyapunov function be defined by

$$\begin{split} L &= S_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{S_{H}}{S_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{S_{H}}{S_{H}^{**}} \right) + E_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{E_{H}}{E_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{E_{H}}{E_{H}^{**}} \right) + I_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{I_{H}}{I_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{I_{H}}{I_{H}^{**}} \right) \\ &+ D_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{D_{H}}{D_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{D_{H}}{D_{H}^{**}} \right) + V_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{V_{H}}{V_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{V_{H}}{V_{H}^{**}} \right) + R_{H}^{**} \left( \frac{R_{H}}{R_{H}^{**}} - \ln \frac{R_{H}}{R_{H}^{**}} \right) \\ &+ S_{V}^{**} \left( \frac{S_{V}}{S_{V}^{**}} - \ln \frac{S_{V}}{S_{V}^{**}} \right) + E_{V}^{**} \left( \frac{E_{V}}{E_{V}^{**}} - \ln \frac{E_{V}}{E_{V}^{**}} \right) + I_{V}^{**} \left( \frac{I_{V}}{I_{V}^{**}} - \ln \frac{I_{V}}{I_{V}^{**}} \right). \end{split}$$

By substituting model (2) into the derivative of L, we have

$$\begin{split} \dot{L} &= \left(1 - \frac{S_{H}^{**}}{S_{H}}\right) (\gamma - \lambda_{1}S_{H} - \mu_{H}S_{H} - \alpha S_{H}) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{E_{H}^{**}}{E_{H}}\right) (\lambda_{1}S_{H} - (\sigma + \mu_{H})E_{H}) + \left(1 - \frac{I_{H}^{**}}{I_{H}}\right) (\sigma E_{H} - (\mu_{H} + \rho + \tau)I_{H}) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{D_{H}^{**}}{D_{H}}\right) (\tau I_{H} - (\mu_{H} + K_{H} + \omega)D_{H}) + \left(1 - \frac{V_{H}^{**}}{V_{H}}\right) (\alpha S_{H} - \varepsilon V_{H} - \mu_{H}V_{H}) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{R_{H}^{**}}{R_{H}}\right) (\omega D_{H} + \rho I_{H} + \varepsilon V_{H} - \mu_{H}R_{H}) + \left(1 - \frac{S_{V}^{**}}{S_{V}}\right) (\Lambda - \lambda_{2}S_{V} - \mu_{v}S_{V}) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{E_{V}^{**}}{E_{V}}\right) (\lambda_{2}S_{V} - (\phi_{V} + \mu_{V})E_{V}) + \left(1 - \frac{I_{V}^{**}}{I_{V}}\right) (\phi_{v}E_{V} - \mu_{V}I_{v}) \,. \end{split}$$

Collecting positive and negative terms together of the above leads to:

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = Q - K.$$

where

$$Q = \alpha S_{H} + \lambda_{1} S_{H}^{**} + \sigma E_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} E_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} I_{H}^{**} + \rho I_{H}^{**} + \tau I_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} D_{H}^{**} + K_{H} D_{H}^{**} + \omega D_{H} + \varepsilon V_{H}^{**} + \lambda_{2} S_{V}^{**} + \phi_{v} E_{H}^{**} + \mu_{V} E_{H}^{**} + \mu_{V} I_{v} + \mu_{V} I_{V}^{**},$$

$$K = \mu_{H} E_{H} + \lambda_{1} S_{H}^{**} \frac{E_{H}^{**}}{E_{H}} + \mu_{H} I_{H} - \sigma I_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} D_{H} + K_{H} D_{H} + \kappa_{H} D_{H} + \tau I_{H} \frac{D_{H}^{**}}{D_{H}} + \mu_{H} V_{H} + \alpha S_{H} \frac{V_{H}^{**}}{V_{H}} + \mu_{H} V_{H}^{**} + \mu_{H} R_{H} + \omega D_{H} \frac{R_{H}^{**}}{R_{H}} + \rho I_{H} \frac{R_{H}^{**}}{R_{H}} + \varepsilon V_{H} \frac{R_{H}^{**}}{R_{H}} + \mu_{H} R_{H}^{**} + \mu_{V} E_{V} + \lambda_{2} S_{V} \frac{E_{H}^{**}}{E_{H}} + \phi_{v} I_{V}^{**} \frac{E_{V}^{**}}{I_{V}}.$$

Thus, if Q < K, then  $\frac{dL}{dt} \le 0$ . By LaSalle's invariant principle [23],  $\mathfrak{E}^*$  is globally asymptotically stable in  $\Omega$  if Q < K.

## 4. SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

To minimize the number of deaths and complications due to YF infections, it is vital to understand the relative relevance of several factors involved in the transmission and prevalence [24]. The forward sensitivity index of  $R_0$  concerning the progression rate from infected to toxic infected class  $\tau$  is given by:

$$\Pi_{\tau}^{R_0} = \frac{\partial R_0}{\partial \tau} \times \frac{\tau}{R_0} = -0.6264.$$

A similar approach when applied to the remaining parameters is shown in table 3. It can be observed that the mosquito biting rate, **a** is the most significant parameter. This and other parameters have positive sensitivity indices while the remaining parameters in  $R_0$  have negative indices.

Parameter	Sensitivity Index
а	1
$oldsymbol{eta}_1$	0.5
σ	$6.175\times 10^{-6}$
γ	0.5
$\mu_H$	-0.49999
$K_H$	-0.082793
Λ	0.5
α	-0.4975
$\beta_2$	0.5
ρ	-0.243986
τ	-0.6264
$\phi_V$	0.000444

TABLE 3. Sensitivity Indices of Parameters

### 4.1. Numerical Simulation.

We perform a numerical simulation of the model (2) using parameter values in table 2 using Matlab ODE45 to ascertain its epidemiological implications. Figure 2a. shows how susceptible individuals decrease with time to 100 and become constant for the rest of the days.



FIGURE 2. Simulation of susceptible humans  $S_H$  and host vectors  $S_V$  with time

The rapid decline in  $S_V$  is a result of the short life span of mosquitoes and more vectors moving into another compartment.



FIGURE 3. Simulation of exposed human and vectors over time

On the other hand,  $S_V$  with time declines from 10 to less than 1 within 10 days and remain constant for the rest of the time frame (Figure 2b). Figure 3a. displays how the exposed individuals with time decreases until it becomes constant after 30 days. The exposed vectors (Figure 3b.) rise from 20 and continue to move up until they get to their peak within the first 8 days and begin to decay with time. This is a result of more vectors getting infected.



FIGURE 4. Simulation of infected human and vectors populations over time

The number of infected humans (Figure 4a.) increases rapidly at the initial state of the infections until it reaches its peak and then decreases with time before becoming constant after 10 days or more after the endemic. The increase in the infected vector at the initial stage indicates an initial outbreak phase followed by a stabilization period (Figure 4b). The infection rises sharply within the first 20 days, suggesting a high progression rate from  $E_V$  to  $I_V$ . After around 40 days, the curve starts to flatten, implying that the vector infection rate is slowing down. The stabilization suggests that either the number of  $E_V$  has reduced, or the mortality rate of vectors balances new infections. This highlights the importance of vector control measures in the early stages of an outbreak.



FIGURE 5. Simulation of recovered and vaccinated human population

Due to the increase in vaccination and treatment rates at different values, the recovered population increases steeply with time (Figure 5a), indicating that more people are been vaccinated against YF. Figure 5b, similar to the infected humans depicts the change in the vaccinated individuals with time. This demonstrates how the number of vaccinated individuals increases steadily within the first few days as infected people move into this compartment but later decreases when more people have taken the vaccine.



FIGURE 6. Simulation of toxic infected humans with time

Figure 6 illustrates how quickly infected individuals enter a toxic state, where the steep increase suggests a rapid progression from  $I_H$  to the toxic state due to high transmissibility. After 4 days, the toxic state reaches its peak, indicating the maximum burden of toxic infected cases. The gradual decrease is a result of increased recovery, reduced contact rates, or depletion of infectious individuals and possibly high mortality.

#### CONCLUSION

Transmission dynamics of yellow fever with a toxic infected population model were proposed and carefully analyzed within the perfect vaccinated population. The existence and stability analysis of the models' equilibrium points are investigated. Our sensitivity index analysis indicated  $\mathbf{a}, \beta_1, \beta_2, \Lambda, \gamma$  were the most sensitive parameters influencing the spread of YF. The model is solved numerically using MATLAB ODE45 to ascertain its epidemiological implications. The increase in the infected vector at the initial stage is due to more susceptible vectors getting infected and becoming infectious (Figure 4b). Preventing progression from  $I_H$  to  $D_H$  is crucial, requiring timely treatment. Therefore to contain the spread, it is essential to reduce the contact rate of toxic individuals  $D_H$  with the susceptible population ( $S_H$ ). The dynamics of  $D_H$ highlight the importance of focusing on severe cases to control outbreaks. Hence, interventions should aim to reduce the transition rate  $\tau$  and increase recovery  $\omega$  to mitigate the impact of toxic infections. Furthermore, the stabilization phase (figure 4b) implies that interventions targeting vector reproduction or mortality could help limit the spread of YF over time.

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