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A novel computational fractional modeling approach for the global dynamics and optimal control strategies in mitigating Marburg infection

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Abstract: Marburg virus disease poses a significant risk to global health, impacting both humans and non-human primates. This study has yielded an optimal control model for potentially mitigating the transmission of the Marburg infection. The proposed mathematical model includes fractional-order derivatives in the Caputo sense. Initially, we analyzed the model without control measures, examining its key characteristics regarding local and global stabilities. Subsequently, we extended the model by incorporating suitable time-dependent optimal control variables. We have also introduced two time-dependent control measures: Ψ_1 for the prevention of human-to-human Marburg transmission, and Ψ_2 to enhance the rate of quarantine of exposed individuals. We performed simulation analysis for both cases i.e., with and without optimal controls using the two-step Newton polynomial approximation method, considering both fractional and classical orders. The numerical findings of the comparative study between classical and fractional cases validate the biological significance of the fractional operator and effectiveness of the proposed optimal control strategies.

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1. Introduction

Marburg virus disease (MVD) is a viral infection caused by a member of the *Filoviridae* family [1]. It is extremely fatal, with a mortality rate of 90% among those affected. The virus's incubation period spans 3 to 9 days, with symptoms usually manifesting between 5 and 10 days post-infection. Initial symptoms include fever, joint and muscle pain and headache. As the illness progresses, symptoms can worsen and may include nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, eye redness, chest pain, skin rash, sore throat, cough, stomach pain, and significant weight loss. The transmission of the virus may occur through bodily fluids such as sweat, saliva, and blood. Although the virus originated in African bats, its first outbreak occurred in the German cities of Marburg and Frankfurt. It was linked to the exposure of German workers to monkey tissues within industrial settings. In these outbreaks, a total of 31 people became infected, and seven of them died. Subsequently, the disease emerged in several African countries at different times, including Uganda, Angola, the Congo, and Tanzania. Recently, in March 2023, officials from the Ministry of Health in Equatorial Guinea announced that 13 people had contracted MVD, resulting in nine deaths since its emergence in the country. Consequently, the early control of the spread of MVD before it escalates into an epidemic has become a critical issue. In the absence of effective treatment or a vaccine for MVD [1], developing optimal quarantine strategies in the affected countries that may help to limit its new outbreaks and further incidence.

The application of mathematical models is extremely useful in the exploration of various dynamical aspects of a disease outbreak. These models have proven to be valuable tools in the study of various dynamical aspects and control of different diseases. The primary reason for the efficacy of models based on fractional derivatives lies in the non-locality property that is inherent in fractional operators, also known as the memory effect. This feature is particularly important in exploration of biological systems where the state at a given moment is influenced by its configuration at preceding times. Moreover, differential operators with non-integer order plays a key role in the minimization of errors that arise from neglected parameters. Consequently, the application of fractional calculus-based models can be found in various fields of science, including biology [2–7], medicine [8], physics [9], chemistry [10, 11], engineering [12, 13], and psychological research [14].

Optimized control theory is a significant and successful mathematical approach that can be employed to make decisions regarding the development of optimal intervention strategies for infectious diseases [15]. Various mathematical models have been developed to present an optimal control system for the eradication of a disease outbreak. The well-established Pontryagin's maximum principle is employable in the context of both ordinary and fractional differential equations [16]. Ayele et al. conducted an optimal control study in Ethiopia, examining a mathematical model of HIV/AIDS [17]. Alrabaiah et al. analyzed an optimal control model of the hepatitis B virus [18]. In [19], the authors applied an optimal control theory to a fractional model of coronavirus transmission in Algeria.

To investigate the dynamics of MVD transmission, various studies have been presented in [20, 21]. In [20], the authors applied four preventive controls related to prevention, screening, continuous vaccination, and treatment to a SIERDVT model of MVD. They found that implementing the four controls simultaneously resulted in greater effectiveness in mitigating the spread of MVD. However, due to a lack of real data and the utilization of classical derivatives in formulation of the mathematical model in this research, the results may be less accurate than those obtained by using of fractional operators as demonstrated in [21]. However, it is worth noting that in [21], there is no preventive

control for MVD, which makes this study less effective in terms of preventive measures.

Based on the discussion presented above, we designed this study to explore the dynamics of MVD transmission in both humans and animals. Subsequently, we will delve into the application of fractional optimal control strategies to mitigate its spread. In this study, we will introduce a novel fractional model of MDV transmission, employing the Caputo derivative. We divided both the human population and the animal population into five and three groups respectively named as the susceptible class $S(t)$, exposed class $E(t)$, quarantine class $Q(t)$, infectious individuals $I(t)$, recovered individuals $R(t)$, susceptible animals $S_b(t)$, the exposed animal host $E_b(t)$, and $I_b(t)$. To establish effective control strategies, we will first discuss the sensitivity of the reproduction number for MDV disease transmission in order to determine the most critical parameters that have the greatest impact on disease dynamics. Based on this analysis, we will then determine the appropriate controls to reduce the spread of MVD in the community.

The rest of this paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we will review the fundamental definitions of fractional calculus. Section 3 introduces the mathematical model for MVD. In Section 4, we will present a theoretical analysis of the fractional MVD model, including a discussion on the existence, positivity, and uniqueness of the fractional model's solution, as well as the local and global stability of the equilibria. Next, we will present numerical simulations to approximate solutions to our fractional system in Section 5. Following this, in Section 6, we formulate an optimal control problem that is subject to our fractional model characterize the optimal controls and derive the necessary optimal system employing Pontryagin's maximum principle. Concluding remarks are summarized in Section 7.

2. Basics on fractional calculus

Some fundamental definitions and necessary results of fractional calculus are provided in this section.

Definition 2.1. [22] Riemann-Liouville fractional integration of the function $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with order γ is defined as follows

$$I_{0,x}^\gamma F(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\gamma-1} F(t) dt, \quad \gamma > 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Definition 2.2. [22] The non-integer case Caputo type operator of a function $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with γ as the order is given by

$${}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\gamma)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{m-\gamma-1} F^{(m)}(t) dt, \quad \gamma > 0, \quad (2.2)$$

where, $m = [\gamma] + 1$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, with $[\gamma]$ as the integer part of γ .

Let $F, G : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that ${}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x)$ and ${}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma G(x)$, exist and q_1, q_2, q_3 be three real constants; then, the following properties hold:

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$$I_{0,x}^\gamma ({}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x)) = F(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{F^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k.$$

- If γ is such that $0 < \gamma < 1$, then:

$$I_{0,x}^\gamma ({}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x)) = F(x) - G(0).$$

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$${}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma (q_2 F(x) + q_3 G(x)) = q_2 {}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x) + q_3 {}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma G(x).$$

• ${}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma q_1 = 0$.

Theorem 2.1. [22] *The Caputo fractional differential operator's Laplace transform γ ($\gamma > 0$), is presented as follows*

$$\mathcal{L}({}^C D_{0,t}^\gamma F(x))(s) = s^\gamma \mathcal{L}(F)(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} s^{\gamma-k-1} F^{(k)}(0). \quad (2.3)$$

3. Formulation of the fractional MVD model

In this section we introduce a fractional model that describes the transmission of MVD among humans and Egyptian fruit bats (the animal host), employing a Caputo fractional derivative. The model is formulated by following the study outlined in [23], where the human population and the animal population are divided into five and three compartments, respectively. These compartments include the following: $S(t)$, denoting the total susceptible class among humans; $E(t)$, representing the exposed class among humans; $Q(t)$, the quarantine compartment among humans; $I(t)$, representing the density of the infectious class; and $R(t)$ indicating the number of recovered individuals among humans. For the animal population, we have the following: susceptible animals represented by $S_b(t)$, the exposed animal host represented by $E_b(t)$, and $I_b(t)$, which is the infectious animal host compartment. As illustrated in Figure 1, Λ represents the recruitment rate for the human population. The probabilities of MVD transmission by humans and bats are denoted by β and β_b respectively. Exposed humans become infected at a rate of ω and are quarantined at a rate of τ . At a rate of φ exposed individuals return to the susceptible compartment. Conversely, quarantined humans become infected at a rate of ρ . The disease induced death rates in humans and bats are represented by δ and δ_b respectively. Finally, we indicate the rate of recovery from MVD by ϑ and the natural death rate by μ in all classes. To construct the fractional model of MVD, we use the Caputo fractional operator ${}^C D^\gamma$, where γ represents the order. We introduce an auxiliary parameter σ in the model. This procedure allows us to ensure that both sides of the resulting equation have the same dimension [24]. The MVD fractional model is then defined as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S(t) = \Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma E(t) = (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S - (\mu + \omega + \tau) E, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma Q(t) = \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma I(t) = \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma R(t) = \vartheta I - \mu R, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S_b(t) = \Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma E_b(t) = \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} S_b - (\mu + k) E_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma I_b(t) = k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b. \end{array} \right. \quad (3.1)$$

The initial conditions are listed below:

$$S_0 = S(0) \geq 0, \quad E_0 = E(0) \geq 0, \quad Q_0 = Q(0) \geq 0, \quad I_0 = I(0) \geq 0, \quad (3.2)$$

$$R_0 = R(0) \geq 0, \quad S_{b_0} = S_b(0) \geq 0, \quad E_{b_0} = E_b(0) \geq 0, \quad I_{b_0} = I_b(0) \geq 0.$$

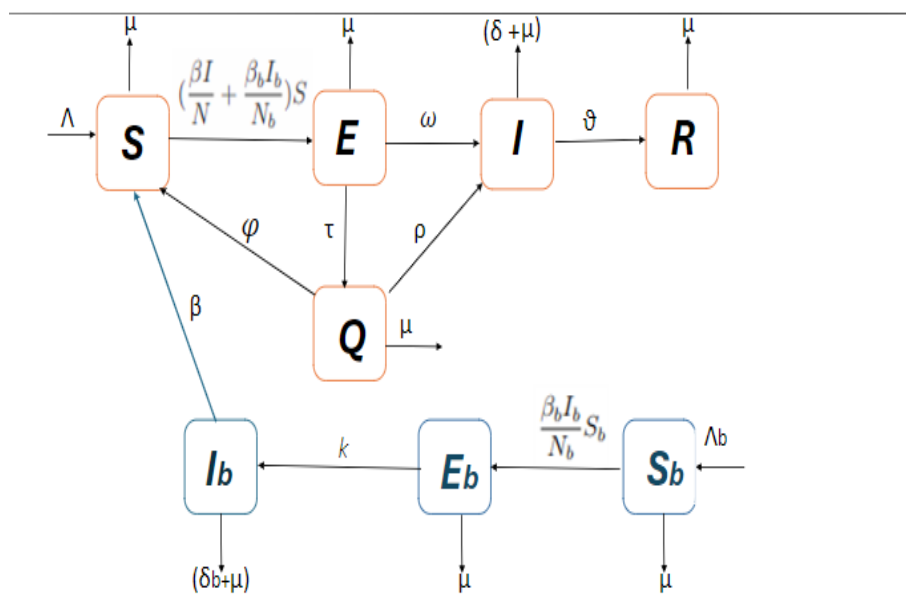


Figure 1. Flowchart diagram of MVD transmission between humans and animals.

4. Theoretical analysis of the fractional MVD model

Let $C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^8)$ represent a Banach space consisting of continuous functions with the corresponding norm denoted by $\|\cdot\|$.

4.1. Existence and uniqueness of solution

Using fixed point theory, along with the Picard-Lindelof method, the existence and uniqueness of the aforementioned fractional model's solution will be discussed in this section. First, we can write the system (3.1)–(3.2) as the following initial value problem (IVP):

$$\begin{cases} \sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D^\gamma X(t) = F(t, X(t)), & t \geq 0, \\ X(0) \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$X(t) = (S(t), E(t), Q(t), I(t), R(t), S_b(t), E_b(t), I_b(t))^T, \quad (4.2)$$

defines a vector of state variables. Moreover,

$$F(t, X(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t, S(t)) \\ f_2(t, E(t)) \\ f_3(t, Q(t)) \\ f_4(t, I(t)) \\ f_5(t, R(t)) \\ f_6(t, S_b(t)) \\ f_7(t, E_b(t)) \\ f_8(t, I_b(t)) \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} \begin{pmatrix} (\Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S) \\ (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S - (\mu + \omega + \tau)E \\ \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi)Q \\ \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta)I \\ \vartheta I - \mu R \\ \Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S_b \\ \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}S_b - (\mu + k)E_b \\ kE_b - (\mu + \delta_b)I_b \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.3)$$

Further, express IVP (4.1) as an integral equation by applying the non-integer integral defined in (2.1) on both sides of (4.1).

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) - S_0 &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma (\Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S), \\ E(t) - E_0 &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S - (\mu + \omega + \tau)E, \\ Q(t) - Q_0 &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi)Q, \\ I(t) - I_0 &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta)I, \\ R(t) - R_0 &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma \vartheta I - \mu R, \\ S_b(t) - S_{b0} &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma \Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S_b, \\ E_b(t) - E_{b0} &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}S_b - (\mu + k)E_b, \\ I_b(t) - I_{b0} &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} I_{0,t}^\gamma kE_b - (\mu + \delta_b)I_b. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Using the definition of $I_{0,t}^\gamma$, and (4.3) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= S_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_1(y, S(y)) dy, \quad E(t) = E_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_2(y, E(y)) dy, \\ Q(t) &= Q_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_3(y, Q(y)) dy, \quad I(t) = I_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_4(y, I(y)) dy, \\ R(t) &= R_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_5(y, R(y)) dy, \quad S_b(t) = S_{b0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_6(y, S_b(y)) dy, \\ E_b(t) &= E_{b0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_7(y, E_b(y)) dy, \quad I_b(t) = I_{b0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_8(y, I_b(y)) dy. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Alternatively,

$$X(t) = X(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} F(y, X(y)) dy, \quad (4.6)$$

where $X(t)$ and $F(y, X(y))$ have been defined in (4.2) and (4.3), respectively. Next, we state the operator as follows:

$$G : C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^8) \rightarrow C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^8), \quad X \rightarrow G(X) = X, \quad (4.7)$$

such that

$$G(X) = X(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} F(y, X(y)) dy.$$

Therefore, the integral equation (4.6) is equivalent to $X = G(X)$ and fixed points of G , are the solutions of IVP (4.1). To get a fixed point of G by using Picard iteration, we construct the following equations, which represent the Picard iterations according to (4.5) such that

$$\begin{aligned} S^n(t) &= S(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_1(y, S^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ E^n(t) &= E(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_2(y, E^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ Q^n(t) &= Q(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_3(y, Q^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ I^n(t) &= I(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_4(y, I^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ R^n(t) &= R(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_5(y, R^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ S_b^n(t) &= S_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_6(y, S_b^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ E_b^n(t) &= E_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_7(y, E_b^{n-1}(y)) dy, \\ I_b^n(t) &= I_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} f_8(y, I_b^{n-1}(y)) dy. \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

To ensure the unique solution existence of IVP (4.1), we must prove that G is a contraction operator.

First, we need to establish the following lemma:

Lemma 4.1. $F(t, X(t))$, as presented in (4.3) fulfill the Lipschitz criteria that is,

$$\|F(t, X_1(t)) - F(t, X_2(t))\| \leq \Phi \|X_1 - X_2\|, \tag{4.9}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \max(\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \omega + \tau), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \rho + \varphi), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta + \gamma), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\mu, \\ &\quad \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta_b), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + k)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For $f_1(t, S(t))$ we have

$$f_1(t, S_1(t)) - f_1(t, S_2(t)) = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} \left(\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right) (S_1(t) - S_2(t)),$$

such that

$$\|f_1(t, S_1(t)) - f_1(t, S_2(t))\| = \left| \sigma^{(1-\gamma)} \left(\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right) (S_1(t) - S_2(t)) \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b)| \|(S_1(t) - S_2(t))\| \\ &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b) \|(S_1(t) - S_2(t))\|. \end{aligned}$$

Using the same procedure, we derive the subsequent results for the remaining equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_2(t, E_1(t)) - f_2(t, E_2(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \omega + \tau) \|E_1 - E_2\|, \\ \|f_3(t, Q_1(t)) - f_3(t, Q_2(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \rho + \varphi) \|Q_1 - Q_2\|, \\ \|f_4(t, I_1(t)) - f_4(t, I_2(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta + \vartheta) \|I_1 - I_2\|, \\ \|f_5(t, R_1(t)) - f_5(t, R_2(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\mu \|R_1 - R_2\|, \\ \|f_6(t, S_{b_1}(t)) - f_6(t, S_{b_2}(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta_b) \|S_{b_1} - S_{b_2}\|, \\ \|f_7(t, E_{b_1}(t)) - f_7(t, E_{b_2}(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + k) \|E_{b_1} - E_{b_2}\|, \\ \|f_8(t, I_{b_1}(t)) - f_8(t, I_{b_2}(t))\| &\leq \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta_b) \|I_{b_1} - I_{b_2}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = \max(\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \omega + \tau), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \rho + \varphi), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta + \vartheta), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\mu, \\ \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta_b), \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + k)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get:

$$\|F(t, X_1(t)) - F(t, X_2(t))\| \leq \Phi \|X_1 - X_2\|.$$

□

Theorem 4.1. Suppose that (4.9) holds; then, the system given by (3.1)–(3.2) has a unique solution if

$$\frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\Phi t^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} < 1.$$

Proof. We know that the solution of the system given by (3.1)–(3.2) is $X(t) = G(X(t))$, where G denotes the corresponding Picard operator defined in (4.7). Moreover, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|G(X_1(t)) - G(X_2(t))\| &= \left\| \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} F(y, X_1(y)) - F(y, X_2(y)) dy \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} \|F(y, X_1(y)) - F(y, X_2(y))\| dy \\ &\leq \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\Phi}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \|X_1 - X_2\| \int_0^t (t-y)^{\gamma-1} dy \\ &\leq \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\Phi t^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} \|X_1 - X_2\|. \end{aligned}$$

If $\frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\Phi t^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} < 1$, then G is a contraction mapping; thus, the system given by (3.1)–(3.2) possesses a unique solution. □

4.2. Nonnegative solution

We define the next two sets:

$$\mathcal{H} = \{(S, E, Q, I, R) \in \mathbb{R}^5; (S(t), E(t), Q(t), I(t), R(t))^T \geq 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(S_b, E_b, I_b) \in \mathbb{R}^3; (S_b(t), E_b(t), I_b(t))^T \geq 0\}.$$

Lemma 4.2. *The solutions of the system given by (3.1)–(3.2) are all positive for $t \geq 0$ and belongs to $\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{R}$.*

Proof. We proceed with the system's first equation given in (3.1)–(3.2) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D^\gamma S(t) &= \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\Lambda + \varphi Q(t) - (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S(t)), \\ &\geq -\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b)S(t). \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above inequality, we get

$$S(t) \geq S_0 E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b)t^\gamma). \quad (4.10)$$

Since $S_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta + \beta_b)t^\gamma) \leq 1$, then $S(t) \geq 0, \forall t \geq 0$. It is the same for the other equations this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &\geq E_0 E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \omega + \tau)), \\ Q(t) &\geq Q_0 E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \rho + \varphi)), \\ I(t) &\geq I_0 E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)), \\ R(t) &\geq R_0 E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}\mu), \\ S_b(t) &\geq S_{b_0} E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \beta_b)), \\ E_b(t) &\geq E_{b_0} E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + k)), \\ I_b(t) &\geq I_{b_0} E_\gamma(-\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(\mu + \delta_b)). \end{aligned}$$

By following the same arguments as above, we obtain that $E(t) \geq 0, Q(t) \geq 0, I(t) \geq 0, R(t) \geq 0, S_b(t) \geq 0, E_b(t)$ and $I_b(t) \geq 0$. \square

4.3. Biologically feasible region of the solution

Lemma 4.3. *The feasible domain for solutions of the fractional problem given by (3.1)–(3.2) is $K = K_h \cup K_b$, and it exists such that*

$$K_h = \{(S, E, Q, I, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^5; N_h \leq \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}\},$$

$$K_b = \{(S_b, E_b, I_b) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3; N_b \leq \frac{\Lambda_b}{\mu}\}.$$

It is bounded, invariant set, where N_h is the humans population ($N_h(t) = S(t) + E(t) + Q(t) + I(t) + R(t)$), and N_b is the Egyptian fruit bats population ($N_b(t) = S_b(t) + I_b(t) + E_b(t)$).

Proof. By adding the first five equations of the system given by (3.1)–(3.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N_h &= \Lambda - \mu(S + E + Q + I + R) - \delta I, \\ N_h - (\Lambda - \mu N_h) &= -\delta I, \\ N_h - (\Lambda - \mu N_h) &\leq \delta I. \end{aligned}$$

In the absence of MVD in a population ($I = 0$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} N_h - (\Lambda - \mu N_h) &\leq 0, \\ N_h &\leq \Lambda - \mu N_h. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the above inequality we obtain

$$N_h(t) \leq \Lambda t^{\gamma-1} E_{\gamma,\gamma}(-\mu t^\gamma) + E_\gamma(-\mu t^\gamma) N_h(0),$$

such that $E_\gamma, E_{\gamma,\gamma}$ are the Mittag-Leffler functions, respectively defined as follows:

$$E_\gamma(g) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^n}{\Gamma(1 + n\gamma)}, \quad E_{\gamma,\gamma}(g) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^n}{\Gamma(\gamma + n\gamma)}, \quad \gamma > 0.$$

We get that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_h(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}$. In the same way we get

$$N_b(t) \leq \Lambda_b t^{\gamma-1} E_{\gamma,\gamma}(-\mu t^\gamma) + E_\gamma(-\mu t^\gamma) N_b(0).$$

Thus, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_b(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_b}{\mu}$. □

4.4. Stability results of the MVD fractional model

First, we determine the system's equilibrium points by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma S(t) &= \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma E(t) = \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma Q(t) = \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma I(t) \\ &= \sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D^\gamma R(t) = \sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D^\gamma S_b(t) = \sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D^\gamma E_b(t) = \sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D^\gamma I_b(t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

4.4.1. Disease-free equilibrium

The MVD model has two equilibrium points. The disease-free equilibrium (DFE) point can be obtained as follows:

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\mu}, 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{\Lambda_b}{\mu}, 0, 0 \right).$$

4.4.2. Endemic equilibrium

The endemic equilibrium (EE) expresses the situation in which the disease is prevalent among the members of the community in the MVD model, and it is given by [23]:

$$\mathcal{E}_e = (S^*, E^*, I^*, Q^*, R^*, S_b^*, E_b^*, I_b^*),$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} S^* &= \frac{\Lambda n_3 n_4}{n_1 n_3 n_4 - n_2 \varphi \tau}, & E^* &= \frac{\Lambda n_2 n_4}{n_1 n_3 n_4 - n_2 \varphi \tau}, \\ Q^* &= \frac{\Lambda \tau n_2}{n_1 n_3 n_4 - n_2 \varphi \tau}, & I^* &= \frac{\Lambda n_2 (\omega n_4 + \rho \tau)}{n_1 n_3 n_4 n_5 - n_2 n_5 \varphi \tau}, \\ S_b^* &= \frac{\Lambda_b}{n_6}, & E_b^* &= \frac{\Lambda_b n_7}{n_6 n_8}, & I_b^* &= \frac{\Lambda_b n_7 k}{n_9 n_8 n_6}, \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 &= \mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_r}{N_b}, & n_2 &= \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_r}{N_b}, & n_3 &= \mu + \omega + \tau, & n_4 &= \mu + \rho + \varphi, \\ n_5 &= \mu + \delta + \vartheta, & n_6 &= \mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}, & n_7 &= \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}, & n_8 &= \mu + k, & n_9 &= \mu + \delta_b. \end{aligned}$$

4.4.3. The basic reproduction number

In view of [25], the basic reproduction number of the model of MVD i.e., $R_0 = \rho(FV^{-1})$ such that

$$F = \sigma^{1-\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \beta & 0 & \frac{\beta_b \Lambda}{\Lambda_b} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta_b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.11)$$

and

$$V = \sigma^{1-\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} n_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\tau & n_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\omega & -\rho & n_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & n_8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k & n_9 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.12)$$

After calculation, we obtain

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta(\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi))}{(\mu + \omega + \tau)(\mu + \rho + \varphi)(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)}.$$

4.5. Local and global stability of DFE and EE

Conditions of the local and global stability of DFE and EEs can be proven by using monotone matrices and dynamical systems theories (see [26]). From [23], we recall the following stability results of the proposed model:

Theorem 4.2. *The DFE \mathcal{E}_0 is asymptotically stable in the local case whenever $R_0 < 1$. Global asymptotic stability when, $R_0 \leq 1$.*

Lemma 4.4. [27] *If the real function $\mathcal{K}(t)$ is continuous as well as derivable, then for every $t \geq t_0$, we have*

$$\frac{1}{2} {}^c D_t^\gamma (\mathcal{K}^2(t)) \leq \mathcal{X} {}^c D_t^\gamma \mathcal{K}, \forall 0 < \gamma < 1.$$

Lemma 4.5. [27] *If the real positive function $\mathcal{K}(t)$ is continuous and derivable then for every $t \geq t_0$, we have*

$${}^c D_t^\gamma [\mathcal{K}(t) - \mathcal{K}^* - \mathcal{K}^* \ln \frac{\mathcal{K}(t)}{\mathcal{K}^*}] \leq (1 - \frac{\mathcal{K}^*}{\mathcal{K}(t)}) {}^c D_t^\gamma \mathcal{K}(t), \quad \mathcal{K}^* \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall 0 < \gamma < 1.$$

Proof. We use the following function to evaluate the Lyapunov stability of the MVD model in fractional case

$$\mathcal{V}(t) = \frac{y_1}{2} E^2(t) + \frac{y_2}{2} Q^2(t) + \frac{y_3}{2} I^2(t) + \frac{y_4}{2} E_b^2(t) + \frac{y_5}{2} I_b^2(t).$$

This function exists such that

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{D_1}, y_2 = \frac{\beta\rho}{D_1(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)(\mu + \rho + \varphi)}, y_3 = \frac{\beta}{D_1(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)},$$

$$y_4 = \frac{(\mu + \delta_b)(\mu + k) + k\beta_b}{D_2(\mu + k)(\mu + \delta_b)}, y_5 = \frac{\beta_b}{\mu + \delta_b},$$

where

$$D_1 = \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)}, D_2 = \frac{\Lambda_b}{\mu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)}.$$

In view of Lemma 4.4,

$$\sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma \mathcal{V}(t) \leq y_1 E \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma E + y_2 Q \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma Q + y_3 I \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma I$$

$$+ y_4 E_b \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma E_b + y_5 I_b \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma I_b.$$

Since $E, Q, I, E_b, I_b \in K$, then

$$E + Q + I \leq N_h \leq \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} = D_1,$$

and

$$E_b + I_b \leq N_b \leq \frac{\Lambda_b}{\mu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} = D_2.$$

Further, we get

$$\sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma \mathcal{V}(t) \leq D_1 (y_1 \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma E + y_2 \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma Q + y_3 \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma I) + D_2 (y_4 \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma E_b + y_5 \sigma^{\gamma-1c} D^\gamma I_b)$$

$$\leq ((\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S - (\mu + \omega + \tau) E) + \frac{\beta\rho}{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} (\tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q)$$

$$+ \frac{\beta}{\mu + \delta + \vartheta} (\omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I)$$

$$+ \frac{(\mu + \delta_b)(\mu + k) + k\beta_b}{(\mu + \delta_b)(\mu + k)} (\frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} S_b - (\mu + k) E_b) + \frac{\beta_b}{\mu + \delta_b} (k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b)$$

$$\leq \beta I (\frac{S}{N} - 1) + \beta_b I_b (\frac{S_b}{N_b} - 1) + (D_1 y_2 \tau + D_1 \frac{\beta\omega}{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)} - (\mu + \omega + \tau)) E$$

$$+ (D_1 y_3 \rho - D_1 y_2 (\mu + \rho + \varphi)) Q + \frac{\beta S}{N_b} I_b + (\frac{k\beta_b}{\mu + \delta_b} - D_2 y_4 (\mu + k)) E_b.$$

At the equilibrium, we obtain

$$Q = \frac{\tau E}{\mu + \rho + \varphi}, I = \left(\frac{\omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi) + \rho\tau}{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} \right) E, E_b = \frac{S_b}{N_b(\mu + k)} \beta_b I_b. \quad (4.13)$$

Moreover, we know that $S \leq D_1$; it follows that $\frac{S}{\beta_b} \leq \frac{D_1}{\beta_b}$. Then using the above expressions we get

$${}^C D^\gamma \mathcal{V}(t) \leq \beta I \left(\frac{S}{N} - 1 \right) + \beta_b I_b \left(\frac{S_b}{N_b} - 1 \right) + (\mu + \omega + \tau)(R_0 - 1)E.$$

Because $\frac{S}{N} \leq 1$ and $\frac{S_b}{N_b} \leq 1$; it follows that $\beta I \left(\frac{S}{N} - 1 \right) \leq 0$ and $\beta_b I_b \left(\frac{S_b}{N_b} - 1 \right) \leq 0$.

Then if $R_0 \leq 1$, we get that $\sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma \mathcal{V}(t) \leq 0$. Thus, using Theorem 1 in [28], it is proven that the DFE of (3.1) is asymptotically globally stable if $R_0 \leq 1$. \square

Theorem 4.3. *The EE \mathcal{E}_e is asymptotically globally stable in K if $R_0 \geq 1$.*

Proof. Initially, we normalize the total number of humans and animals to be equal to 1 (i.e., $N_h = N_b = 1$).

A Lyapunov function is considered as follows to prove the desired result

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(t) = & (S - S^* - S^* \ln \frac{S}{S^*}) + (E - E^* - E^* \ln \frac{E}{E^*}) + \frac{1}{\tau} (Q - Q^* - Q^* \ln \frac{Q}{Q^*}) \\ & + \frac{1}{\omega} (I - I^* - I^* \ln \frac{I}{I^*}) + (S_b - S_b^* - S_b^* \ln \frac{S_b}{S_b^*}) + (E_b - E_b^* - E_b^* \ln \frac{E_b}{E_b^*}) + (I_b - I_b^* - I_b^* \ln \frac{I_b}{I_b^*}). \end{aligned}$$

Using the result in Lemma 4.5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma \mathcal{L}(t) \leq & (1 - \frac{S^*}{S}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma S + (1 - \frac{E^*}{E}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma E + \frac{1}{\tau} (1 - \frac{Q^*}{Q}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma Q \\ & + \frac{1}{\omega} (1 - \frac{I^*}{I}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma I + (1 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma S_b + (1 - \frac{E_b^*}{E_b}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma E_b \\ & + (1 - \frac{I_b^*}{I_b}) \sigma^{\gamma-1} {}^C D^\gamma I_b \\ \leq & (1 - \frac{S^*}{S}) (\Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + \beta I + \beta_b I_b) S) \\ & + (1 - \frac{E^*}{E}) ((\beta I + \beta_b I_b) S - (\mu + \omega + \tau) E) \\ & + \frac{1}{\tau} (1 - \frac{Q^*}{Q}) (\tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q) + \frac{1}{\omega} (1 - \frac{I^*}{I}) (\omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I) \\ & + (1 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b}) (\Lambda_b - (\mu + \beta_b I_b) S_b) + (1 - \frac{E_b^*}{E_b}) (\beta_b I_b S_b - (\mu + k) E_b) \\ & + (1 - \frac{I_b^*}{I_b}) (k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b). \end{aligned}$$

At the EE, we can get

$$\Lambda = -\varphi Q + (\mu + \beta I^* + \beta_b I_b^*) S^*, \quad (4.14)$$

$$(\mu + \omega + \tau) = \frac{(\beta I^* + \beta_b I_b^*) S^*}{E^*}, \quad (4.15)$$

$$(\mu + \rho + \varphi) = \frac{\tau E^*}{Q^*}, \quad (4.16)$$

$$(\mu + \delta + \vartheta) = \frac{\omega E^* + \rho Q^*}{I^*}, \quad (4.17)$$

$$\Lambda_b = (\mu + \beta_b I_b^*) S_b^*, \quad (4.18)$$

$$(\mu + k) = \frac{\beta_b I_b^* S_b^*}{E_b^*}, \quad (4.19)$$

$$(\mu + \delta_b) = \frac{k E_b^*}{I_b^*}. \quad (4.20)$$

Introducing (4.14)–(4.20) into above, with some calculation we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{\gamma-1C} D^\gamma \mathcal{L}(t) \leq & (I_b^* S_b^* \beta_b + \varphi(Q - Q^*)) \left(1 - \frac{S^*}{S}\right) + \mu S^* \left(2 - \frac{S^*}{S} - \frac{S}{S^*}\right) \\ & + \mu S_b^* \left(2 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b} - \frac{S_b}{S_b^*}\right) + I^* S^* \beta \left(2 - \frac{S^*}{S} - \frac{E}{E^*}\right) \\ & + I_b^* S_b^* \beta_b \left(2 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b} - \frac{E_b}{E_b^*}\right) + E^* \left(4 - \frac{Q}{Q^*} - \frac{Q^* E}{Q E^*} - \frac{I}{I^*} - \frac{I^* E}{I E^*}\right) \\ & + \rho Q^* \left(2 - \frac{I}{I^*} - \frac{I^* E}{I E^*}\right) + k E_b^* \left(2 - \frac{I_b}{I_b^*} - \frac{I_b^* E_b}{I_b E_b^*}\right) \\ & + I_b^* I^* S^* \left(\frac{I_b E^* S}{I_b^* I^* E S^*} - \frac{I}{I^* I_b^*} - \frac{E^* I S}{E I^* S^* I_b} - \frac{I_b S_b E_b^*}{I_b^* S_b^* E_b I^*}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since the arithmetic mean exceeds the geometric mean [27], then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{S^*}{S}\right) \leq 0, \left(2 - \frac{S^*}{S} - \frac{S}{S^*}\right) \leq 0, \left(2 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b} - \frac{S_b}{S_b^*}\right) \leq 0, \\ \left(2 - \frac{S^*}{S} - \frac{E}{E^*}\right) \leq 0, \left(2 - \frac{S_b^*}{S_b} - \frac{E_b}{E_b^*}\right) \leq 0, \left(2 - \frac{I}{I^*} - \frac{I^* E}{I E^*}\right) \leq 0, \\ \left(4 - \frac{Q}{Q^*} - \frac{Q^* E}{Q E^*} - \frac{I}{I^*} - \frac{I^* E}{I E^*}\right) \leq 0, \left(2 - \frac{I_b}{I_b^*} - \frac{I_b^* E_b}{I_b E_b^*}\right) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

In addition if $\left(\frac{I_b E^* S}{I_b^* I^* E S^*} - \frac{I}{I^* I_b^*} - \frac{E^* I S}{E I^* S^* I_b} - \frac{I_b S_b E_b^*}{I_b^* S_b^* E_b I^*}\right)$, is negative, then $\sigma^{\gamma-1C} D^\gamma \mathcal{L}(t) \leq 0$. Furthermore, we have that $\sigma^{\gamma-1} \sigma^{\gamma-1C} D^\gamma \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E}_e) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (S(t), E(t), Q(t), I(t), R(t), S_b(t), E_b(t), I_b(t)) = \mathcal{E}_e$. Thus, the maximum invariant set for

$$\{(S(t), E(t), Q(t), I(t), R(t), S_b(t), E_b(t), I_b(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^{8,c} D_t^\gamma(\mathcal{L}(t)(\mathcal{E}_e)) = 0\},$$

is \mathcal{E}_e . It follows that the EE \mathcal{E}_e is asymptotically globally stable if $R_0 > 1$. \square

5. Simulation of the MVD Caputo case model

The dynamics of the individuals in the susceptible, exposed, infected, recovered and quarantined groups over time are illustrated in Figure 2. Meanwhile, the dynamics of the bat population are

illustrated in Figure 3. The numerical scheme presented in Appendix A has been employed to compute approximate solutions for the model (3.1). Parameter values and initial conditions estimated from literature has been adopted as provided in Table 1. The auxiliary parameter σ was assumed to be $\sigma = 0.99$.

Table 1. Parameter descriptions with numerical values used in simulation.

Parameter	Description	Value in days	Reference
Λ	the human's recruitment rate	0.4	[29]
Λ_b	the bat's recruitment rate	0.55	[23]
μ	natural mortality rate	0.20	[23]
δ	disease-related death rate in humans	26.5–80%	[30,31]
δ_b	disease-related death rate in bats	0.05	[23,32]
β	MVD transmission rate for infectious humans	0.28	[23]
β_b	MVD transmission rate for infectious bats	0.90	[23]
ω	rate of exposed humans becoming infected	0.15	[23]
τ	quarantine rate	0.85	[23]
φ	susceptibility rate of quarantined class	0.10	[23]
ρ	flow from quarantined to infectious class	0.90	[23]
ϑ	the rate of recovery from MVD	0.30	[30]
k	flow from exposed to infected bats	0.19	[23]

Figure 2 demonstrates the behavior of the susceptible, exposed, infected, quarantined, and recovered subclasses showing that they converge to the steady state for $\gamma = 1, 0.95, 0.90, 0.85$. Figure 3 depicts the stability of the bat population classes for four values of γ . When varying the values of the fractional order γ , it was observed that the rates of decay and growth in the solution curves are slower for smaller values compared to larger values. This observation highlights the significant influence of the memory index in fractional epidemiological models. Furthermore, upon comparing the behaviors of the curves between the classical case ($\gamma = 1$) and fractional case, it becomes evident that in the fractional case, the model's solution exhibits stability over a shorter time period. This consistency with the theoretical findings discussed in the stability section underscores the accuracy and realism of the fractional operators.

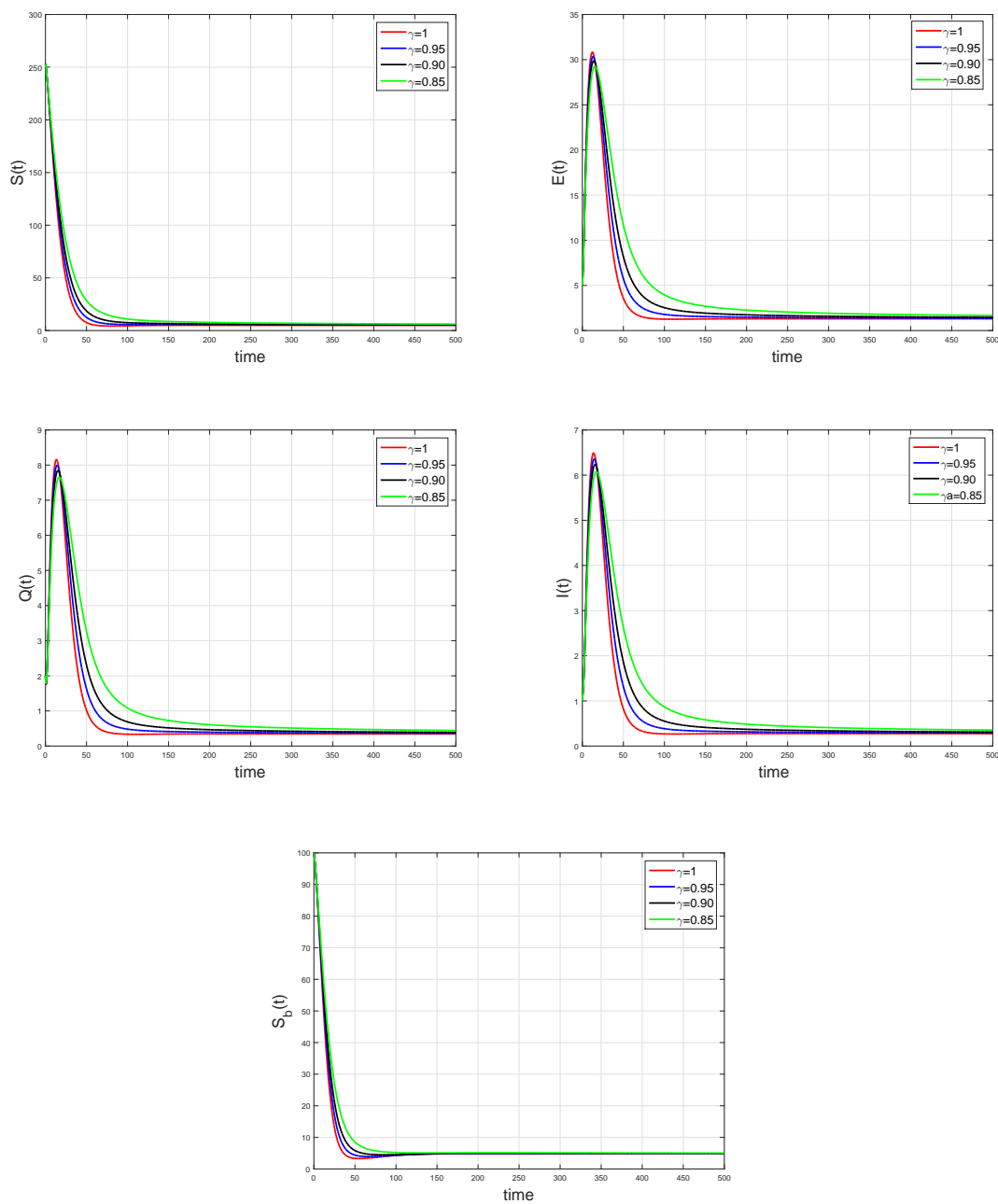


Figure 2. Dynamics of the human population in the non integer model for various values of fractional order γ .

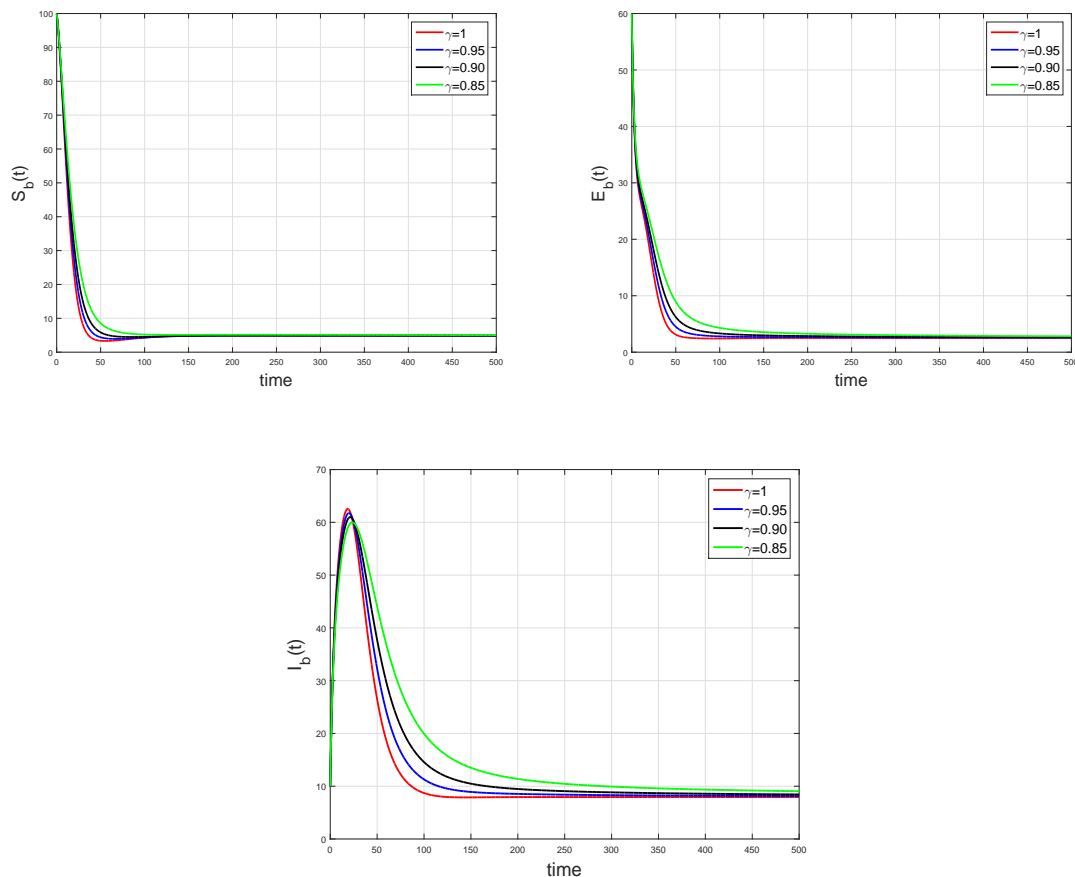


Figure 3. Dynamics of the bats population in the non integer model for various values of fractional order γ .

6. Fractional optimization of MVD model

The objective of this section is to identify effective control strategies for the MDV disease and it is aimed at minimizing the class of susceptible, exposed, and infected human individuals. The most critical parameters that have a significant influence on disease dynamics, particularly those affecting R_0 values need to be determined. To achieve this, we need to evaluate the sensitivity indices for R_0 of disease transmission.

6.1. Sensitivity analysis of R_0

The sensitivity analysis can be utilized to calculate the respective shift in the model's variables, as caused by a specific parameter. Sensitivity analysis is used to measure how much R_0 changes relative to changes in the model's embedded parameters. It is defined by the following formula [18]:

$$P_z = \frac{\partial R_0}{\partial z} \times \frac{z}{R_0}.$$

The expressions of normalized sensitivity indices are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_\beta &= 1, & P_\rho &= \frac{\rho\beta(\tau + \omega)}{\beta(\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi))} - \frac{\rho}{\mu + \rho + \varphi}, \\
 P_\tau &= \frac{\tau\rho}{\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} - \frac{\tau}{\mu + \omega + \tau}, & P_\omega &= \frac{\omega}{\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} - \frac{\omega}{\mu + \omega + \tau}, \\
 P_\vartheta &= -\frac{\vartheta}{\mu + \delta + \vartheta}, & P_\varphi &= \frac{\varphi\omega}{\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} - \frac{\varphi}{\mu + \rho + \varphi}, & P_\delta &= -\frac{\delta}{\mu + \delta + \vartheta}, \\
 P_\mu &= \frac{\omega\mu}{\rho\tau + \omega(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} - \left[\frac{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta) + (\mu + \rho + \varphi)}{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)(\mu + \rho + \varphi)} + \frac{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta) + (\mu + \omega + \tau)}{(\mu + \delta + \vartheta)(\mu + \omega + \tau)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{(\mu + \tau + \omega) + (\rho + \mu + \varphi)}{(\mu + \tau + \omega)(\rho + \mu + \varphi)} \right] \mu.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, using the estimated parameter values presented in [23], we depict the table and the graph of sensitivity results below, which show the values for R_0 's sensitivity indices as compared to the parameter system.

In Table 2 and Figure 4, the model's parameters with positive indices indicate an enhancement in the value of R_0 , showing that MVD would increase in the population, while parameters with negative indices indicate that the infection would decrease in the population. On the basis of the sensitivity indices shown in Table 2, the most crucial parameters on the spread of MVD include the probability of MVD transmission by humans (β), which contributes to an increase in the spread of MVD in population. As for the parameters that participate in prevalence reduction, they are τ , ϑ , and ω . Moreover, it is evident that the sensitivity index of the quarantine rate (τ) is greater than the indices of ϑ and ω . Therefore, for more effectively eliminate the virus, we need to adopt an optimal strategy to enhance the quarantine rate (τ) and reduce the virus transmission rate (β).

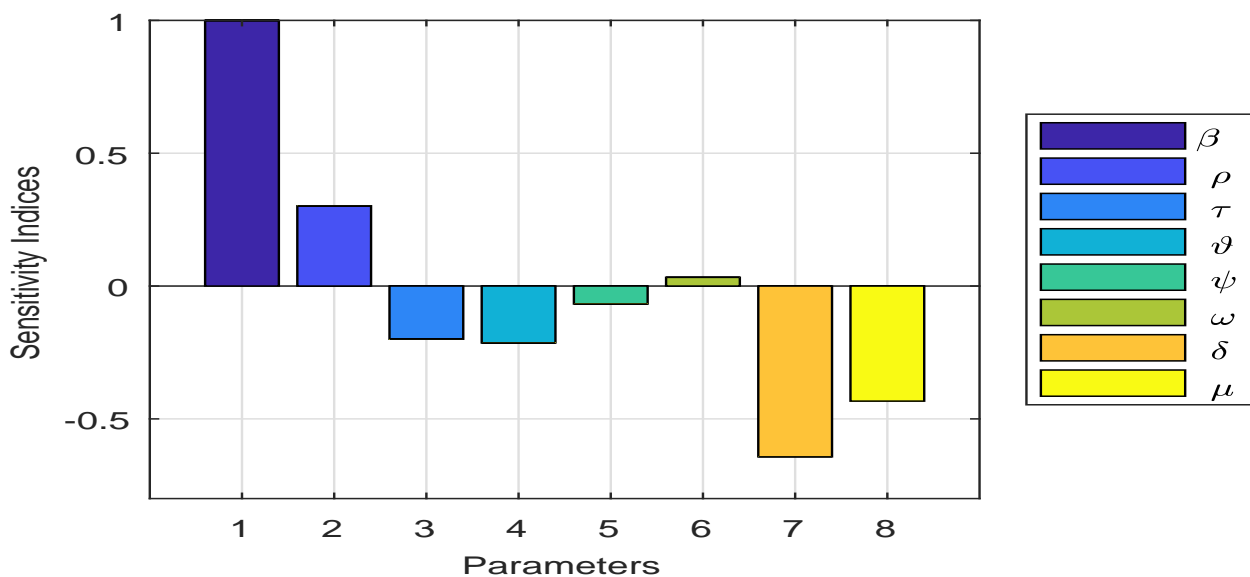


Figure 4. R_0 sensitivity index results for the system (3.1).

Table 2. R_0 sensitivity index results for the system (3.1).

Parameters	β	ρ	τ	ϑ	φ	ω	δ	μ
Value	0.28	0.90	0.85	0.30	0.10	0.15	2	0.20
Sens.Index	1	0.202	-0.20	-0.214	-0.0675	0.033	-0.6429	-0.433

6.2. Formulation of fractional optimal control

In this section, we employ the aforementioned facts to establish the following two control schemes.

- Ψ_1 : represents the control variable for prevention of MVD transmission between humans by regularly washing hands with soap or a hand sanitizer that contains alcohol, wearing protective clothing when coming into contact with sick people, and not touching the body of a deceased person. Moreover, avoid locations where Egyptian fruit bats congregate.
- Ψ_2 : represents the control variable for an increase in the rate at which exposed humans get quarantined.

Further, to explore the impact of the above control measures we extended the MVD fractional model (3.1) by incorporating two Lebesgue measurable functions of time t ($\Psi_1(t)\Psi_2(t)$). The formulation of the system given by (3.1) with control functions denoted by $\Psi_j(t)(j = 1, 2)$ is as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S(t) = \Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_1)(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}))S, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma E(t) = (1 - \Psi_1)(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_2)\omega + \Psi_2\tau)E, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma Q(t) = \Psi_2\tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi)Q, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma I(t) = (1 - \Psi_2)\omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta)I, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma R(t) = \vartheta I - \mu R, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S_b(t) = \Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma E_b(t) = \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}S_b - (\mu + k)E_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma I_b(t) = kE_b - (\mu + \delta_b)I_b, \end{array} \right. \quad (6.1)$$

with the initial conditions as defined in (3.2). The objective functional is given by:

$$J(\bar{\Psi}(\cdot)) = \int_0^T q_1 S + q_2 E + q_3 Q + q_4 I + \frac{\rho_1}{2} \Psi_1^2 + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \Psi_2^2, \quad (6.2)$$

where $q_i, i = \overline{1, 3}$ denotes positive balancing coefficients, $\rho_i, i = \overline{1, 2}$, denotes the effort used to curtail the transmission of the MVD $\bar{\Psi} = (\Psi_1, \Psi_2)$, and T is the final time. The objective of the optimal control problem under study is to minimize the objective functional by finding a control $\bar{\Psi}$. In other words, the goal is to determine the optimal control pairs $(\bar{U}, \bar{\Psi}^*)$ such that

$$J(\bar{\Psi}^*) = \min_{\Psi \in \mathfrak{U}} J(\bar{\Psi}).$$

\mathfrak{U} is the set of controls, and is defined as follows:

$$\mathfrak{U} = \{\bar{\Psi} \in (L^\infty(]0, T[))^2, 0 \leq \Psi_i \leq 1, i = \overline{1, 2}\}.$$

This set is bounded closed by construction.

6.2.1. Existence and optimality criteria

The system (3.1) is written in the classical form as follows:

$${}^c D_t^\alpha U = K(t, u) + L(t, u)\bar{\Psi}, 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (6.3)$$

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad (6.4)$$

where $U = (S(t), E(t), Q(t), I(t), R(t), S_b(t), E_b(t), I_b(t))$ denotes the state variables and $\bar{\Psi}(t) = (\Psi_1(t), \Psi_2(t))$ presents the control function.

Further,

$$K(t, u(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S \\ (\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S - (\mu + \omega)E \\ -(\mu + \rho + \varphi)Q \\ \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta)I \\ \vartheta I - \mu R \\ \Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S_b \\ \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}S_b - (\mu + k)E_b \\ kE_b - (\mu + \delta_b)I_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.5)$$

$$L(t, u(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S & 0 \\ -(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S & (\omega - \tau)E \\ 0 & \tau E \\ 0 & -\omega E \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.6)$$

The following conditions must be proved to guarantee the existence of the two optimal controls [19].

- (1) The control problem solutions' set is non-empty:

It is easy to see that there exists $\Psi_1 = 0$ and $\Psi_2 = 1$ which define the controls in \mathfrak{U} , and $\bar{U} = (S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b)$ is a solution that aligns with controls $\Psi_1 = 0$ and $\Psi_2 = 1$. So, this condition has been satisfied.

- (2) The set of admissible controls is closed, bounded, and convex. This condition is guaranteed by definition of \mathfrak{U} .

Remark 6.1. From Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.3, the system (6.1) has at least one solution which is bounded in K .

(3) The function $K(t, u(t)) + L(t, u(t))\bar{\Psi}$ is bounded by a linear function in the state and control variables. The matrix K can be written as follows:

$$K(t, u(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Lambda}{S} - \left(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}\right) & 0 & \varphi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} & -(\mu + \omega) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(\mu + \rho + \varphi) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega & \rho & -(\mu + \delta + \vartheta) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Lambda_b}{S} - \left(\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}\right) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} & -(\mu + k) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & k & -(\mu + \delta_b) & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.7)$$

Then

$$\|K\bar{u}\| \leq \|K\| \|\bar{u}\| \leq \sup \|K\bar{u}\| \cdot \|\bar{u}\|.$$

We know that $\Lambda \leq S$ and $\Lambda_b \leq S_b$; then, we get

$$\|K(t, \bar{u}(t))\| \leq \max((1 + \mu + \beta + \beta_b + \varphi), (\beta + \beta_b + \mu + \omega), (\mu + \rho + \varphi), (\mu + \delta + \vartheta), \vartheta + \mu, (1 + \mu + \beta_b), (\beta_b + \mu + k), (k + \mu + \delta_b)) \|\bar{u}\|. \quad (6.8)$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\|L(t, \bar{u}(t))\| \leq \max(\beta, \beta + \tau, \tau, \omega, \vartheta) \|\bar{\Psi}\|. \quad (6.9)$$

From (6.8) and (6.9) it is obvious that $K(t, u(t)) + L(t, u(t))\bar{\Psi}$ is bound by a linear function in the state and control variables as given below

$$\mathcal{G}(U, \Psi) = \mathfrak{N} \|\bar{u}\| + \mathfrak{M} \|\bar{\Psi}\|,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{N} &= \max((1 + \mu + \beta + \beta_b + \varphi), (\beta + \beta_b + \mu + \omega), (\mu + \rho + \varphi), \\ &(\mu + \delta + \vartheta), \vartheta + \mu, (1 + \mu + \beta_b), (\beta_b + \mu + k), (k + \mu + \delta_b)), \\ \mathfrak{M} &= \max((\beta + \beta_b), (\beta + \beta_b + \omega + \tau), \tau). \end{aligned}$$

(4) The convexity of $Z(t, \bar{U}, \bar{\Psi}) = q_1 S + q_2 E + q_3 Q + q_4 I + \frac{\rho_1}{2} \Psi_1^2 + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \Psi_2^2$.

Lemma 6.1. *The functional $Z(t, \bar{U}, \bar{\Psi})$, is convex.*

Proof. Let

$$H(Z(t, \bar{U}, \bar{\Psi})) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.10)$$

be the Hessian matrix of the functional $Z(t, \bar{U}, \bar{\Psi})$. Clearly, it is positive definite in \mathfrak{A} , so $Z(t, \bar{U}, \bar{\Psi})$ and also it is strictly convex in \mathfrak{A} . \square

Consequently, from conditions (1)–(4) and Remark (6.1), there exists $\bar{\Psi}^* = (\Psi_1^*, \Psi_2^*)$ and a corresponding solution $\bar{U}^* = (S^*, E^*, Q^*, I^*, R^*, S_b^*, E_b^*, I_b^*)$ that minimize $J(\bar{\Psi})$ on \mathfrak{A} .

6.2.2. Necessary condition for optimality

We rely on Pontryagin's theorem [33] to get the desired condition for the optimal control system. First, we transform the system (6.1) into a pointwise problem that minimizes a Hamiltonian function \mathbb{H} with respect to (Ψ_1, Ψ_2) . The Hamiltonian function is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{H}(\bar{U}, \bar{\Psi}, \Xi) = & q_1 S + q_2 E + q_3 Q + q_4 I + \frac{\rho_1}{2} \Psi_1^2 + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \Psi_2^2 + \lambda_S [\Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_1) (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})) S] \\ & + \lambda_E [(1 - \Psi_1) (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_2) \omega + \Psi_2 \tau) E] \\ & + \lambda_Q [\Psi_2 \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q] + \lambda_I [(1 - \Psi_2) \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I] \\ & + \lambda_R [\vartheta I - \mu R] + \lambda_{S_b} [\Lambda_b - (\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S_b] \\ & + \lambda_{E_b} [\frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} S_b - (\mu + k) E_b] + \lambda_{I_b} [k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b], \end{aligned}$$

and it exists that $\Xi = (\lambda_S, \lambda_E, \lambda_Q, \lambda_I, \lambda_R, \lambda_{S_b}, \lambda_{E_b}, \lambda_{I_b})$ represents the adjoint variables as they are related to their respective state variables.

Theorem 6.1. *Suppose that Ψ_i^* ($i = 1, 2$) denotes the optimal controls and $S^*, E^*, Q^*, I^*, R^*, S_b^*, E_b^*, I_b^*$ represent the solution of the state variables of the system (6.1) which minimize the objective functional $J(\bar{\Psi})$ across \mathfrak{A} ; then, there exists the adjoint variables $\lambda_S, \lambda_E, \lambda_Q, \lambda_I, \lambda_R, \lambda_{S_b}, \lambda_{E_b}, \lambda_{I_b}$, satisfying*

$$\sigma^{(\gamma-1)c} D_t^\alpha \lambda_k(t) = -\sigma^{(\gamma-1)} \frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial k}, \quad \text{for } k = S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b,$$

with the corresponding transversality conditions $\lambda_k(T) = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1^* &= \min\{1, \max\{0, \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_S) (\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}) S}{\rho_1}\}\}, \\ \Psi_2^* &= \min\{1, \max\{0, \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_Q) \tau E + (\lambda_I - \lambda_E) \omega E}{\rho_2}\}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.11}$$

Proof. The pontryagin's maximum principal gives the following results:

First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_S &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial S} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(-q_1 + \lambda_S \mu + (\lambda_S - \lambda_E)[(1 - \Psi_1)\frac{\beta I}{N}(1 - \frac{S}{N}) + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}], \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_E &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial E} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(-q_2 + (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1)\frac{\beta IS}{N^2} + \lambda_E(\mu + \omega + \Psi_2 \tau) - \lambda_Q \Psi_2 \tau - \lambda_I(1 - \Psi_2)\omega), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_Q &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial Q} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}((\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1)\frac{\beta IS}{N^2} - \lambda_S \varphi + \lambda_Q(\mu + \rho + \varphi) - \lambda_I \rho), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_I &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial I} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}(-q_3(\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(1 - \Psi_1)\frac{\beta S}{N}(1 + \frac{I}{N}) - \lambda_R \gamma + \lambda_I(\mu + \delta + \gamma)), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_R &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial R} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}((\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1)\frac{\beta IS}{N^2} + \lambda_R \mu R), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_{E_b} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial E_b} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}((\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(\frac{\beta_b I_b S}{N_b^2}) + \lambda_{E_b}(\mu + k) - \lambda_{I_b} k), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_{S_b} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial S_b} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}((\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(\frac{\beta_b I_b S}{N_b^2}) + (\lambda_{S_b} - \lambda_{E_b})\frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}(1 - \frac{S_b}{N_b}) + \lambda_{I_b} I_b), \\
{}^c D_t^\gamma \lambda_{I_b} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial I_b} = \sigma^{(1-\gamma)}((\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(\frac{\beta_b S}{N}(1 - \frac{I_b}{N_b})) + \lambda_{I_b}(\mu + \delta_b) + \lambda_{S_b}(\frac{\beta_b S_b}{N}(1 - \frac{I_b}{N_b}))).
\end{aligned} \tag{6.12}$$

Next, utilizing the condition $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Psi_i} \mathbb{H}(t, \Psi_i^*, \lambda_i) = 0$, $i = \overline{1, 2}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial \Psi_1} &= \rho_1 \Psi_1 + (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S = 0, \\
\frac{\partial \mathbb{H}}{\partial \Psi_2} &= \rho_2 \Psi_2 + (\lambda_E - \lambda_Q)\tau E + (\lambda_I - \lambda_E)\omega E = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.13}$$

Then, we get

$$\Psi_1^* = \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S}{\rho_1}, \quad \Psi_2^* = \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_Q)\tau E + (\lambda_I - \lambda_E)\omega E}{\rho_2}. \tag{6.14}$$

Finally, we can take

$$\Psi_1^* = \min\{1, \max\{0, \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b})S}{\rho_1}\}\}, \quad \Psi_2^* = \min\{1, \max\{0, \frac{(\lambda_E - \lambda_Q)\tau E + (\lambda_I - \lambda_E)\omega E}{\rho_2}\}\}.$$

6.3. Simulation of the optimal control problem

This section presents the numerical simulation of the MVD fractional model with and without controls. We have used the Newton numerical scheme for (A) to perform the simulation. The values of parameters are listed in Table 1. Moreover the weight and the balancing coefficients were considered as follows: $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 0.00001$, and $q_i = 1$ $i = \overline{1, 3}$ respectively. We executed the simulation for two values of γ i.e., the classical case $\gamma = 1.00$ and the fractional case $\gamma = 0.80$. Numerical results for $\gamma = 0.80$ and $\gamma = 1.00$ are illustrated in Figures 5 and 6 respectively. In the presence of optimal control, a notable and evident decrease in the number of exposed individuals is observed, resulting in

corresponding decreases in the infected and quarantined populations. It is observed that the decay and growth rates are faster for the classical order ($\gamma = 1.00$) than the fractional order ($\gamma = 0.80$). Thus, the suggested control measures can be effectively used for the mitigation of MVD outbreaks.

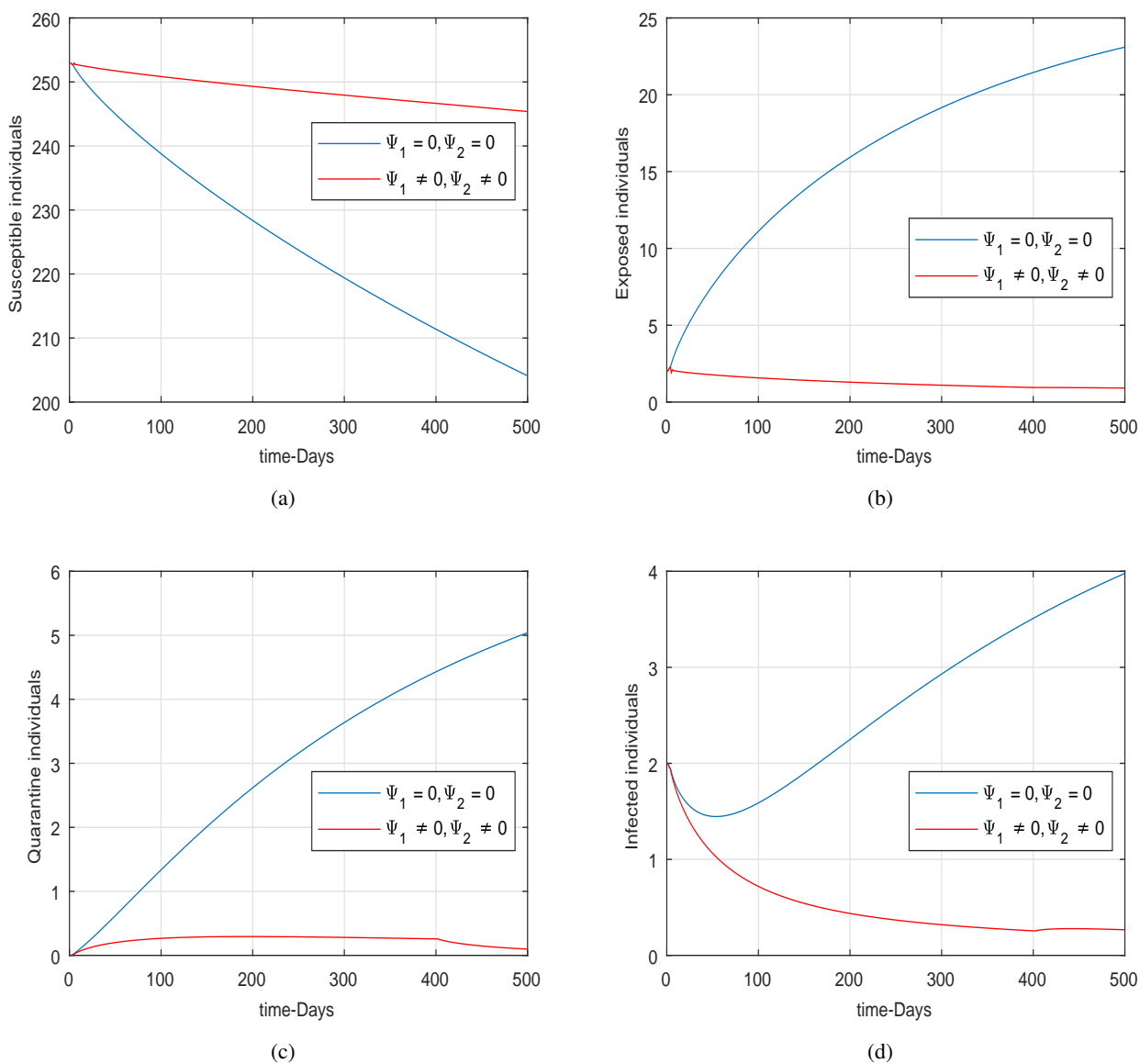


Figure 5. The effects of Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 controls on the dynamics of human classes, and with $\gamma = 0.80$.

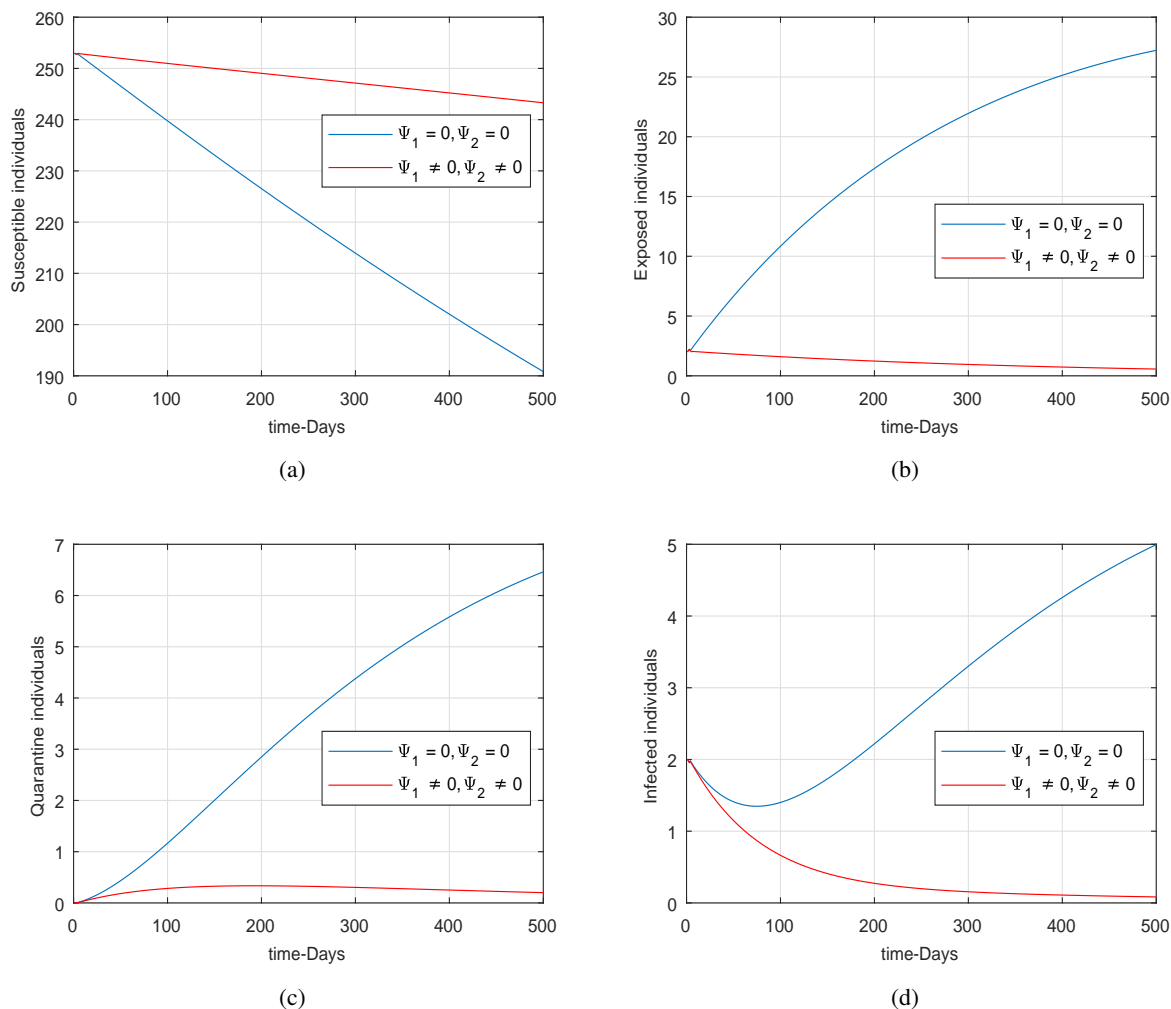


Figure 6. The effects of Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 controls on the dynamics of human classes, and with $\gamma = 1.00$.

7. Conclusions

We introduced a novel computational fractional modeling approach to analyze the global dynamics and optimal control strategies for MVD infection mitigation. In this context, we developed a fractional order model of MVD transmission by using the Caputo fractional operator and performed some theoretical and numerical analysis. The existence, uniqueness and positivity of the solution with a detailed discussion on the local and global stability have been provided comprehensively. The theoretical findings revealed that the DFE is asymptotically locally stable if $R_0 < 1$, and it is asymptotically globally stable if $R_0 \leq 1$. To examine the model numerically, we established numerical schemes by using two-step Newton polynomial approximation. The numerical simulation of the fractional model for MVD confirmed the impact of the fractional operator. We observed that the decay and growth rates in the solution curves are slower for smaller values of the γ than for the larger values. Furthermore, we observed that in the fractional case, stability is maintained in the solution curves for

the model. In the pursuit of mitigating NVD, we initially evaluated the sensitivity indices, revealing that certain parameters significantly influence MVD transmission, notably the effective contact rate β and the rate at which exposed individuals are quarantined τ . Building upon these insights, we developed a fractional optimal control model by introducing two time-dependent control measures, Ψ_1 and Ψ_2 , corresponding to prevention and quarantine respectively. Utilizing the Pontryagin maximum principle, we derived a solution to the optimal control problem. Finally, we numerically simulated the MVD transmission model with and without control by considering both fractional and classical orders. The numerical findings validated the efficacy of the proposed optimal control strategies. The results of this study will be helpful in preventing the spread of MVD.

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Appendix A Scheme for the fractional MVD model

Here, we present detail procedure of Newton polynomial two-step approach that was used to formulate numerical schemes for the proposed fractional model that describes the dynamics of MVD.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma S(t) = f_1(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \Lambda + \varphi Q - \left(\mu + \frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}\right) S, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma E(t) = f_2(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \left(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}\right) S - (\mu + \omega + \tau) E, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma Q(t) = f_3(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma I(t) = f_4(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma R(t) = f_5(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \vartheta I - \mu R, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma S_b = f_6(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \Lambda_b - \left(\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b}\right) S_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma E_b(t) = f_7(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} S_b - (\mu + k) E_b, \\ \sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma I_b(t) = f_8(t, S, E, Q, I, R, S_b, E_b, I_b) = k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b. \end{array} \right.$$

We transform the above fractional problem to be as follows

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(t) = S(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_1 dr, E(t) = E(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_2 dr, \\ Q(t) = Q(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_3 dr, I(t) = I(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_4 dr, \\ R(t) = R(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_5 dr, S_b(t) = S_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_6 dr, \\ E_b(t) = E_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_7 dr, I_b(t) = I_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-r)^{\gamma-1} f_8 dr. \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

At the point t_{n+1} , we proceed as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(t_{n+1}) = S(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_1 dr, \\ E(t_{n+1}) = E(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_2 dr, \\ Q(t_{n+1}) = Q(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_3 dr, \\ I(t_{n+1}) = I(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_4 dr, \\ R(t_{n+1}) = R(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_5 dr, \\ S_b(t_{n+1}) = S_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_6 dr, \\ E_b(t_{n+1}) = E_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_7 dr, \\ I_b(t_{n+1}) = I_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_0^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_8 dr. \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

This can be written in the form of the following system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(t_{n+1}) = S(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_1 dr, \\ E(t_{n+1}) = E(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_2 dr, \\ Q(t_{n+1}) = Q(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_3 dr, \\ I(t_{n+1}) = I(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_4 dr, \\ R(t_{n+1}) = R(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_5 dr, \\ S_b(t_{n+1}) = S_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_6 dr, \\ E_b(t_{n+1}) = E_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_7 dr, \\ I_b(t_{n+1}) = I_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{j=2}^n \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} f_8 dr. \end{array} \right.$$

Applying of two-steps Newton polynomial approximation, we have

$$S(t_{n+1}) = S(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_1(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_1(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2f_1(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ \left. \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$E(t_{n+1}) = E(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_2(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_2(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2f_2(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ \left. \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$Q(t_{n+1}) = Q(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_3(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_3(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2f_3(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ \left. \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$I(t_{n+1}) = I(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_4(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_4(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{f_4(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ + \left[\frac{f_4(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2f_4(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{f_4(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ \left. \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

$$R(t_{n+1}) = R(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & f_5(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_5(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f_5(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_5(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2f_5(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{f_5(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ & (r - t_{i-2})(\tau - t_{i-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$S_b(t_{n+1}) = S_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & f_6(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_6(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f_6(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_6(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2f_6(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{f_6(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ & (r - t_{i-2})(r - t_{i-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$E_b(t_{n+1}) = E_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_7(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_7(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2f_7(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ & (r - t_{i-2})(r - t_{i-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$I_b(t_{n+1}) = I_b(0) + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=2}^n \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_8(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{h} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{h} \right] (\tau - t_{i-2}) \\ & + \left[\frac{f_8(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2f_8(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}})}{2h^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}})}{2h^2} \right] \\ & (r - t_{i-2})(r - t_{i-1}) \end{aligned} \right\} (t_{n+1} - r)^{\gamma-1} dr. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

After performing some manipulations, we derive the numerical scheme for the model describing the epidemic MVD as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
S(t_{n+1}) = & S_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{i=2}^n f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma - (n-i)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_1(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_1(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_1(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) + f_1(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-i) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-i) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(t_{n+1}) = & E_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{i=2}^n f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma - (n-i)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_2(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_2(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_2(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) + f_2(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-i) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-i) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(t_{n+1}) = & Q_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{i=2}^n f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma - (n-i)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_3(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_3(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_3(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) + f_3(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-i) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-i) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I(t_{n+1}) = & I_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n f_4(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma - (n-\iota)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_4(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_4(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_4(t_\iota, S_\iota, E_\iota, Q_\iota, I_\iota, R_\iota, S_{b_\iota}, E_{b_\iota}, I_{b_\iota}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_4(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) + f_4(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R(t_{n+1}) = & R_0 + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n f_5(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma - (n-\iota)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_5(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_5(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_5(t_\iota, S_\iota, E_\iota, Q_\iota, I_\iota, R_\iota, S_{b_\iota}, E_{b_\iota}, I_{b_\iota}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_5(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) + f_5(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_b(t_{n+1}) = & S_{b_0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n f_6(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma - (n-\iota)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_6(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_6(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota+1)^\gamma (n-\iota+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{\iota=2}^n \left[f_6(t_\iota, S_\iota, E_\iota, Q_\iota, I_\iota, R_\iota, S_{b_\iota}, E_{b_\iota}, I_{b_\iota}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_6(t_{\iota-1}, S_{\iota-1}, E_{\iota-1}, Q_{\iota-1}, I_{\iota-1}, R_{\iota-1}, S_{b_{\iota-1}}, E_{b_{\iota-1}}, I_{b_{\iota-1}}) + f_6(t_{\iota-2}, S_{\iota-2}, E_{\iota-2}, Q_{\iota-2}, I_{\iota-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{\iota-2}, S_{b_{\iota-2}}, E_{b_{\iota-2}}, I_{b_{\iota-2}}) \right] \left[(n-\iota+1)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-\iota)^\gamma [2(n-\iota)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-\iota) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E_b(t_{n+1}) = & E_{b_0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{i=2}^n f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma - (n-i)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_7(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_7(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_7(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) + f_7(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-i) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-i) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_b(t_{n+1}) = & I_{b_0} + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} \sum_{i=2}^n f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \\
& \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma - (n-i)^\gamma \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma+2)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_8(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) \right. \\
& \left. - f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+2\gamma) \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i+1)^\gamma (n-i+3+3\gamma) \right] + \frac{\sigma^{(1-\gamma)}h^\gamma}{2\Gamma(\gamma+3)} \sum_{i=2}^n \left[f_8(t_i, S_i, E_i, Q_i, I_i, R_i, S_{b_i}, E_{b_i}, I_{b_i}) \right. \\
& \left. - 2f_8(t_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, E_{i-1}, Q_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{b_{i-1}}, E_{b_{i-1}}, I_{b_{i-1}}) + f_8(t_{i-2}, S_{i-2}, E_{i-2}, Q_{i-2}, I_{i-2}, \right. \\
& \left. R_{i-2}, S_{b_{i-2}}, E_{b_{i-2}}, I_{b_{i-2}}) \right] \left[(n-i+1)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (3\gamma+10)(n-i) + 2\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 12] \right. \\
& \left. - (n-i)^\gamma [2(n-i)^2 + (5\gamma+10)(n-i) + 6\gamma^2 + 18\gamma + 12] \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Appendix B The optimality system

The optimality system consists of the state system (6.1) with its initial conditions, together with the adjoint system (6.12) with the respective transversality conditions. This can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S(t) = \Lambda + \varphi Q - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right)) S, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma E(t) = (1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta I}{N} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right) S - (\mu + (1 - \Psi_2) \omega + \Psi_2 \tau) E, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma Q(t) = \Psi_2 \tau E - (\mu + \rho + \varphi) Q, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma I(t) = (1 - \Psi_2) \omega E + \rho Q - (\mu + \delta + \vartheta) I, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma R(t) = \vartheta I - \mu R, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D^\gamma S_b(t) = \Lambda_b - \left(\mu + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right) S_b,
\end{cases} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma E_b(t) = \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} S_b - (\mu + k) E_b, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma I_b(t) = k E_b - (\mu + \delta_b) I_b, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_S = -q_1 + \lambda_S \mu + (\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta I}{N} - \frac{\beta I S}{N^2} + \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right), \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_E = -q_2 + (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1) \frac{\beta I S}{N^2} + \lambda_E (\mu + (1 - \Psi_2) \omega + \Psi_2 \tau) \\
\quad - \lambda_Q \Psi_2 \tau - \lambda_I (1 - \Psi_2) \omega, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_Q = -q_3 + (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1) \frac{\beta I S}{N^2} - \lambda_S \varphi + \lambda_Q (\mu + \rho + \varphi) - \lambda_I \rho, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_I = -q_4 + (\lambda_S - \lambda_E)(1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta}{N} - \frac{\beta I}{N^2} \right) S - \lambda_R \gamma + \lambda_I (\mu + \delta + \vartheta), \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_R = (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1) \frac{\beta I S}{N^2} + \lambda_R \mu R, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_{E_b} = (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta_b I_b S}{N_b^2} \right) + \lambda_{E_b} (\mu + k) - \lambda_{I_b} k, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_{S_b} = (\lambda_E - \lambda_S)(1 - \Psi_1) \left(\frac{\beta_b I_b S}{N_b^2} \right) + (\lambda_{S_b} - \lambda_{E_b}) \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} + \lambda_{S_b} \mu, \\
\sigma^{(\gamma-1)C} D_t^\gamma \lambda_{I_b} = (\lambda_S - \lambda_E) \left(\frac{\beta_b}{N_b} - \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b^2} \right) S + \lambda_{I_b} (\mu + \delta_b) + (\lambda_{S_b} - \lambda_{E_b}) \left(\frac{\beta_b}{N_b} - \frac{\beta_b I_b}{N_b} \right) S_b.
\end{array} \right. \quad (\text{B.2})$$



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