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# Dynamics and optimal control of a stochastic Zika virus model with spatial diffusion

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**Abstract:** Zika is an infectious disease with multiple transmission routes, which is related to severe congenital disabilities, especially microcephaly, and has attracted worldwide concern. This paper aims to study the dynamic behavior and optimal control of the disease. First, we establish a stochastic reaction-diffusion model (SRDM) for Zika virus, including human-mosquito transmission, human-human sexual transmission, and vertical transmission of mosquitoes, and prove the existence, uniqueness, and boundedness of the global positive solution of the model. Then, we discuss the sufficient conditions for disease extinction and the existence of a stationary distribution of positive solutions. After that, three controls, i.e. personal protection, treatment of infected persons, and insecticides for spraying mosquitoes, are incorporated into the model and an optimal control cost. Finally, some numerical simulations are provided to explain and supplement the theoretical results obtained.

**Keywords:** stochastic Zika virus model; extinction; stationary distribution; optimal control; spatial diffusion

# 1. Introduction

Zika virus disease, referred to as Zika, is a mosquito-borne infectious disease induced by Zika virus originally found in rhesus monkeys in the jungle of Uganda in 1947 [1] and afterward isolated from humans in Uganda and Tanzania in 1952 [2]. In the following decades, only a few cases from Africa and Southeast Asia were reported sporadically [3] until 2007 when Zika broke out on Yap Island in Micronesia in the western Pacific Ocean [4]. In early 2015, researchers detected Zika virus infection in Brazil [5]. The virus spread rapidly to Northern Europe, Australia, the United States, Canada [6–9],

and then to Japan, China, India, and other countries [10–12], causing great harm to human health. At present, Zika is still prevalent at a low level in Central and South America. From January 1 to April 30, 2022, a total of 6171 suspected cases of Zika had been reported in Brazil, of which 541 cases were confirmed [13]. Zika remains an essential global public health challenge.

The reason why Zika spreads fast and widely is mainly its multiple transmission channels. The virus is primarily propagated to mankind via the biting of infected *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* [14]. Meanwhile, it can be spread among humans through heterosexual or homosexual sexual contact [15, 16]. In addition, it can also be spread from infected female mosquitoes to their descendants vertically [17] and from the water contaminated by the urine of the infected person to the mosquitoes in the aquatic stage [18]. The latency of the virus in the human body is generally 3–14 days [14]. The majority of infected people are asymptomatic, and only a quarter are believed to develop slight symptoms such as fever, erythema, conjunctivitis, and arthrodynia, with only a handful of documented fatalities [14]. Although the mortality of Zika virus disease is meager, it is believed that Zika infection during the gestational period is one of the causes of microcephaly and other congenital malformations in developing fetuses and newborns [19]. Zika infection is also a trigger factor for Guillain-Barre syndrome, myelitis, and neuropathy, especially in adults and older children [20]. Unfortunately, there is still no allowable vaccination or antivirus drug for the virus.

As we all know, mathematical modeling is an effective and indispensable tool for a better understanding of population dynamics and epidemics [21]. Using this tool, many scholars have conducted rich and detailed research on the transmission of Zika disease, see [22-27] and their references. For example, Gao et al. [22] proposed an ordinary differential equation (ODE) model to examine the influences of media transmission and sexual transmission on the propagation of Zika disease and carried out a sensitive analysis of basic reproduction number. Agusto et al. [23] established an ODE model of Zika virus, including human vertical transmission, the birth of babies with microcephaly, and asymptomatic infection, and studied the dynamic behavior of the model. Considering the limitation of medical resources during the outbreak of Zika, Zhao et al. built an ODE model of Zika to investigate the effect of medical resources on the spread of Zika [24]. In addition, due to the impact of spatial differentiation and spatial mobility of human and vector populations on the dynamics of vector-borne diseases, some reaction-diffusion models for describing the spatial transmission of Zika virus have been developed accordingly, see [28–30] and references therein. However, the transmission of Zika virus is also influenced by temperature, wind, rain, fire, and other random environmental factors, which are ignored by the deterministic model. Using a stochastic differential equation (SDE) model to describe the epidemic dynamics can better reflect the actual phenomenon to some extent. The extinction and persistence of the epidemic driven by random noise have been studied in some works of literature, see [31–34]. Nevertheless, to our knowledge, there are few documents on the dynamic analysis of infectious diseases considering both random factors and spatial diffusion. Therefore, this paper intends to explore the permanence and extinction of Zika disease described by a random model with spatial diffusion, which includes human-mosquito transmission, human-human sexual transmission, and vertical transmission of mosquitoes, to fill this gap.

The outbreak and prevalence of Zika have brought enormous economic burdens and health losses to the local people and government. Therefore, from the perspective of epidemiology and social economics, it is an essential and meaningful problem to formulate the optimal control strategy for Zika virus, that is, to achieve the greatest limitation of the disease with the least cost. There have been some studies on the optimal control problem of Zika. For instance, the literature [35] introduced vaccination as a control variable (although the vaccine has not been publicly available yet) and characterized the most economical and effective vaccination strategy in a reaction-diffusion model of Zika virus by utilizing the optimal control theory. The control variables (the prevention through mosquito nets, the treatment of infection patients, and the spraying of insecticides) were selected into the ODE model by authors in [36, 37] to establish an optimal control problem of Zika virus. Their numerical simulation results suggested that it might be more beneficial to eliminate Zika virus infection if all three control measures are considered. This paper also plans to adopt three control variables, namely, personal protection, treatment of infected humans (here we use saturation treatment function due to limited medical resources), and reduction in the number of mosquitoes, and draw them into the SRDM to generate a stochastic control model of Zika virus.

The rest of this paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we present the model description of Zika virus and prove the existence, uniqueness, and boundedness of the global positive solution of this model. In Sections 3 and 4, we discuss the conditions of disease extinction as well as the existence conditions of the stationary distribution. A stochastic optimal control problem is proposed and the expressions of the optimal controls are acquired in Section 5. Some numerical simulations are performed in Section 6 to declare and supplement the theoretical contents. At last, a summary is made in Section 7.

# 2. Model formulation and preliminaries

# 2.1. Model formulation



**Figure 1.** Flow chart of the Zika model. Here  $(1) = \frac{b_m(t,x)\beta_hk_hE_mS_h}{N_h}, (2) = \frac{b_m(t,x)\beta_hI_mS_h}{N_h}, (3) = \frac{\beta_{hh}k_hE_hS_h}{N_h}, (4) = \frac{\beta_{hh}I_hS_h}{N_h}, (5) = k\theta\mu_mE_m + \theta\mu_mI_m, (6) = \frac{b_h(t,x)\beta_mk_mE_hS_m}{N_m}, (7) = \frac{b_h(t,x)\beta_mI_hS_m}{N_m}.$ 

According to the transmission mechanism of Zika virus, we plot the flow chart in Figure 1. In the flow chart,  $S_h(t, x)$ ,  $E_h(t, x)$ ,  $I_h(t, x)$ , and  $R_h(t, x)$  are the number of susceptible, exposed, infected, and recovered human population at time *t* and location *x*, respectively. The total number of humans is  $N_h = S_h + E_h + I_h + R_h$ . The number of susceptible, exposed, and infected mosquitoes at time *t* and position *x*, are recorded as  $S_m(t, x)$ ,  $E_m(t, x)$ , and  $I_m(t, x)$ , respectively. Thus,  $N_m = S_m + E_m + I_m$  is

the total amount of mosquitoes. Since only female mosquitoes suck blood and transmit diseases, the mosquitoes in this paper only refer to female mosquitoes.

A susceptible human may be infected with Zika virus via the bite of an exposed or infected mosquito at a rate  $\lambda_{mh}(t, x) = b_m(t, x)\beta_h(k_hE_m + I_m)/N_h$  or through sexual contact with an exposed or infected partner at a rate  $\lambda_{hh}(t, x) = \beta_{hh}(k_{hh}E_h + I_h)/N_h$ , where  $b_m(t, x) = b(t, x)/N_m$ ,  $b(t, x) = \frac{\alpha_h N_h \alpha_m N_m}{\alpha_h N_h + \alpha_m N_m}$  is the total number of bites per day at position x [38, 39], and so  $b_m(t, x)$  is the average number of bites per mosquito per day at position x. Susceptible mosquitoes move to the exposed class after biting exposed or infected humans at a rate  $\lambda_{hm}(t, x) = b_h(t, x)\beta_m(k_mE_h + I_h)/N_m$ , here  $b_h(t, x) = b(t, x)/N_h$  is the average number of bites per day for an infectious person at position x. This paper considers the infectivity of humans and mosquitoes during the exposure period and the modification parameters  $0 < k_h, k_{hh}, k_m < 1$ measure the reduction in transmissibility during the exposure period relative to the infection period.

Zika virus can also be spread vertically from infected mothers to newborns and from infected female mosquitoes to their offspring [17, 40]. This paper only deals with vertical transmission in mosquitoes, neglecting vertical transmission in humans because Zika has a very short transmission period compared to the human lifespan [26]. We assume that  $k\theta\mu_m E_m + \theta\mu_m I_m$  of the mosquito's offspring will be infected, and thus enter  $E_m$  class, where  $\mu_m$  is the average birth rate of mosquitoes,  $\theta$  is the proportion of congenital infections in the progeny of infectious female mosquitoes, and 0 < k < 1 is also a modification parameter.

Since the symptoms of Zika are slight and rarely fatal, we ignore the human mortality caused by the disease. And because of the short lifespan of mosquitoes, we assume that infected mosquitoes will not recover until natural death and that these mosquitoes will not die from Zika.

Based on the above description and the flow chart in Figure 1, and taking into account the move of humans and mosquitoes, we establish the following reaction-diffusion system for Zika virus

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial S_{h}}{\partial t} = d_{1}\Delta S_{h} + \Lambda_{h} - \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} - \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - d_{h}S_{h}, \\ \frac{\partial E_{h}}{\partial t} = d_{2}\Delta E_{h} + \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} + \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - (\xi_{h} + d_{h})E_{h}, \\ \frac{\partial I_{h}}{\partial t} = d_{3}\Delta I_{h} + \xi_{h}E_{h} - (\gamma + d_{h})I_{h}, \\ \frac{\partial R_{h}}{\partial t} = d_{4}\Delta R_{h} + \gamma I_{h} - d_{h}R_{h}, \end{cases}$$

$$(2.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial S_{m}}{\partial t} = d_{5}\Delta S_{m} + \Lambda_{m} - k\theta\mu_{m}E_{m} - \theta\mu_{m}I_{m} - \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - d_{m}S_{m}, \\ \frac{\partial E_{m}}{\partial t} = d_{6}\Delta E_{m} + k\theta\mu_{m}E_{m} + \theta\mu_{m}I_{m} + \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - (\xi_{m} + d_{m})E_{m}, \\ \frac{\partial I_{m}}{\partial t} = d_{7}\Delta I_{m} + \xi_{m}E_{m} - d_{m}I_{m}, \end{cases}$$

for  $t > 0, x \in Q$ , with the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}R_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_m = 0, \quad t > 0, x \in \partial Q,$$

and initial conditions

$$(S_h(0, x), E_h(0, x), I_h(0, x), R_h(0, x), S_m(0, x), E_m(0, x), I_m(0, x))$$

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$$=(S_{h}^{0}(x),E_{h}^{0}(x),I_{h}^{0}(x),R_{h}^{0}(x),S_{m}^{0}(x),E_{m}^{0}(x),I_{m}^{0}(x)), \quad x \in Q.$$

here Q is a bounded region possessing smooth boundary  $\partial Q$  and **n** is the outward unit normal vector on  $\partial Q$ .  $d_1, d_2, d_3$ , and  $d_4$  represent the diffusion coefficients of susceptible, exposed, infected, and recovered human population, respectively, and  $d_5, d_6$ , and  $d_7$  denote the diffusion coefficients of susceptible, exposed, and infected mosquitoes population, respectively,  $d_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$ . The meanings of the remaining parameters of model (2.1) are explained in Table 1.

Parameter	Meaning	Value or Range	Source of data
$\Lambda_h$	Recruitment rate of the human population		
	(per day)	30	[41]
$\Lambda_m$	Recruitment rate of the mosquitoes (per day)	2000	Assumed
$eta_h$	Probability of Zika virus spreading from an		
	infected mosquito to a susceptible human	0.1-0.75	[42]
$eta_{hh}$	Transmission rate from infected humans to		
	susceptible humans (per day)	0.001-0.1	[22]
$\beta_m$	Probability of Zika virus spreading from		
	an infected human to a susceptible mosquito	0.3-0.75	[43]
$lpha_h$	The maximum number of bites that a susceptible		
	human will tolerate being bitten (per day)	0.1–50	[39]
$\alpha_m$	Number of times a mosquito would bite a human		
	(per day)	0.19-0.39	[39]
$\xi_h$	Average incubation rate of humans (per day)	0.14-0.25	[39]
$\xi_m$	Average incubation rate of mosquitoes (per day)	0.07-0.14	[39]
$d_h$	Natural mortality rate of humans (per day)	$3.65 \times 10^{-5}$	
		$-4.98 \times 10^{-5}$	[26]
$d_m$	Natural mortality rate of mosquitoes (per day)	0.029-0.25	[26]
γ	Recovery rate of infected humans (per day)	0.07-0.3	[26]
$\mu_m$	Natural birth rate of mosquitoes (per day)	0.029-0.25	[26]
heta	Proportion of congenital infections in the		
	progeny of infectious female mosquitoes	0-0.004	[26]
$k, k_h, k_{hh}, k_m$	Modification parameters	0.4, 0.1, 0.01, 0.1	[25]

**Table 1.** Parameters in model (2.1).

Because parameters in the infectious disease model are often subject to environmental noise and exhibit random fluctuations to a certain extent, this paper intends to build a stochastic Zika model by perturbing the natural death rates  $d_h$  and  $d_m$  for humans and mosquitoes with white noise. In other words, we will replace  $d_h$  and  $d_m$  in model (2.1) with  $d_h - \sigma_1 \dot{B}_1(t)$  and  $d_m - \sigma_2 \dot{B}_2(t)$ , respectively, where  $B_1(t)$  and  $B_2(t)$  are independent standard Brownian motions in the complete probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ , which is increasing, right continuous, and satisfies that  $\mathcal{F}_0$  involves all  $\mathbb{P}$ -null sets.  $\sigma_1 > 0$  and  $\sigma_2 > 0$  are the intensities of the noise. Then the corresponding stochastic system of

model (2.1) has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} dS_{h} &= \left[d_{1}\Delta S_{h} + \Lambda_{h} - \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} - \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - d_{h}S_{h}\right]dt + \sigma_{1}S_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dE_{h} &= \left[d_{2}\Delta E_{h} + \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} + \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - (\xi_{h} + d_{h})E_{h}\right]dt + \sigma_{1}E_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dI_{h} &= \left[d_{3}\Delta I_{h} + \xi_{h}E_{h} - (\gamma + d_{h})I_{h}\right]dt + \sigma_{1}I_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dR_{h} &= \left[d_{4}\Delta R_{h} + \gamma I_{h} - d_{h}R_{h}\right]dt + \sigma_{1}R_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dS_{m} &= \left[d_{5}\Delta S_{m} + \Lambda_{m} - \theta\mu_{m}(kE_{m} + I_{m}) - \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - d_{m}S_{m}\right]dt + \sigma_{2}S_{m}dB_{2}, \\ dE_{m} &= \left[d_{6}\Delta E_{m} + \theta\mu_{m}(kE_{m} + I_{m}) + \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - (\xi_{m} + d_{m})E_{m}\right]dt + \sigma_{2}E_{m}dB_{2}, \\ dI_{m} &= \left[d_{7}\Delta I_{m} + \xi_{m}E_{m} - d_{m}I_{m}\right]dt + \sigma_{2}I_{m}dB_{2}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t > 0, x \in Q$ , with the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}R_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_m = 0, \quad t > 0, x \in \partial Q,$$

and initial conditions

$$(S_h(0, x), E_h(0, x), I_h(0, x), R_h(0, x), S_m(0, x), E_m(0, x), I_m(0, x))$$
  
=  $(S_h^0(x), E_h^0(x), I_h^0(x), R_h^0(x), S_m^0(x), E_m^0(x), I_m^0(x)), \quad x \in Q.$ 

#### 2.2. Preliminaries

Let  $H = H^1(Q) = \{\varphi | \varphi \in L^2(Q), \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \in L^2(Q) \text{ is generalized partial derivative, } i=1,2,3\}$ . *H* is a Sobolev space and  $H \hookrightarrow L^2(Q) \hookrightarrow H'$ , where  $H' = H^{-1}(Q)$  is the dual space of *H*.  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_*$  are the norms of *H* and  $L^2(Q)$ , respectively.  $\|\varphi\|^2 = \|\varphi\|^2_* + \|\nabla\varphi\|^2_*$ , and there exists a positive constant *c* such that  $\|\varphi\|_* \leq c \|\varphi\|$ .  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  indicates the dual product of *H* and *H'*. The norm of Euclidean space is denoted by  $|\cdot|$ .  $\mathcal{H} = H^7$ . Denote  $H^+ = \{\varphi|\varphi \in L^2(Q; (0, \infty)), \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \in L^2(Q), i = 1, 2, 3\}, \mathcal{H}^+ = (H^+)^7$ . In addition,  $\mathbb{R}^l_+ = \{(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_l) \in \mathbb{R}^l : x_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \cdots, l\}, \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty). L^2_{\mathcal{F}}([0, T] \times Q; \mathbb{R}^l)$  is a set of square integrable and  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted stochastic processes. The indicative function of set *A* is denoted by  $\chi_A$ .  $a \land b = \min\{a, b\}, a \lor b = \max\{a, b\}. \varphi_x$  represents the partial derivative of  $\varphi$  to *x*. B(t, x) is sometimes abbreviated to *B* for convenience without causing confusion.

**Theorem 2.1.** For any initial value  $X(0, x) = (S_h^0(x), E_h^0(x), I_h^0(x), R_h^0(x), S_m^0(x), E_m^0(x), I_m^0(x)) \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , stochastic Zika system (2.2) has a unique global positive solution  $X(t, x) = (S_h(t, x), E_h(t, x), I_h(t, x), R_h(t, x), S_m(t, x), E_m(t, x), I_m(t, x)) \in \mathcal{H}^+$  on  $t \ge 0$ . Moreover, there is a positive constant  $C_0$  such that

$$\int_{Q} [S_{h}(t,x) + E_{h}(t,x) + I_{h}(t,x) + R_{h}(t,x) + S_{m}(t,x) + E_{m}(t,x) + I_{m}(t,x)] dx \le C_{0} \quad a.s.$$

Theorem 2.1 is an important fundamental theorem, which gives the existence, uniqueness, and boundness of the positive solution of system (2.2), and its proof is shown in Appendix A. The following theorem discusses the *p*th moment boundedness of system (2.2) and its proof can be found in Appendix B.

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**Theorem 2.2.** *For any p* > 0*, we have* 

 $\mathbb{E}\sup_{0\le t\le T} \left( \|S_h(t,x)\|^p + \|E_h(t,x)\|^p + \|I_h(t,x)\|^p + \|R_h(t,x)\|^p + \|S_m(t,x)\|^p + \|E_m(t,x)\|^p + \|I_m(t,x)\|^p \right) \le C,$ 

where C is a constant related to p, T, and the original condition and the parameters of system (2.2).

#### 3. Extinction of the disease

In this section, we will discuss the conditions for almost surely exponential extinction of Zika disease. In general, consider an *l*-dimensional stochastic reaction-diffusion system by

$$d\upsilon(t,x) = (\partial_x^2 \upsilon(t,x) + f(t,x,\upsilon(t,x)))dt + g(t,x,\upsilon(t,x))dB(t), \quad t > t_0, x \in Q,$$
(3.1)

with boundary condition  $\frac{\partial v(t,x)}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0$  ( $t > t_0, x \in \partial Q$ ) and initial condition  $v(t_0, x) = v_0(x)$  ( $x \in Q$ ). We give the definition of the almost surely exponential stability of system (3.1) [44].

**Definition 3.1.** The trivial solution of system (3.1) is said to be almost surely exponentially stable if

$$\limsup_{t\to\infty}\frac{1}{t}\Big|\log|\upsilon(t,x;t_0,\upsilon_0)|\Big|_Q<0\quad a.s.$$

for all  $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^l_+$ , where  $\left| \log |v(\cdot, x)| \right|_Q := \int_Q \log |v(\cdot, x)| dx$ .

Next, the almost surely exponential extinction of Zika disease will be given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** For any starting value  $X(0, x) \in \mathcal{H}^+$  of system (2.2), if

$$d_2 \lor d_3 \lor d_6 \lor d_7 \to 0, \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\sigma_1^2 \wedge \sigma_2^2 > 8\left[\left(\frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h}\right)^2 \vee \left(\frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m}\right)^2\right] (\alpha_m \beta_h + \beta_{hh} + \theta \mu_m + \alpha_h \beta_m),\tag{3.3}$$

then

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \Big| \log \left( E_h(t, x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t, x) + E_m(t, x) + \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t, x) \right) \Big|_Q < 0 \quad a.s.$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(t, x) = \log \left( E_h(t, x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t, x) + E_m(t, x) + \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t, x) \right)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| V(t,x) \right|_{Q} &= \int_{Q} V(t,x) dx \\ &= \int_{Q} \log \left( E_{h}(t,x) + \frac{\xi_{h} + d_{h}}{\xi_{h}} I_{h}(t,x) + E_{m}(t,x) + \frac{\xi_{m} + d_{m}}{\xi_{m}} I_{m}(t,x) \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{split} \text{Let } A(t,x) &= (E_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + E_m(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_m}{\xi_h} I_m(t,x)). \text{ By } It\delta^3 \text{ formula, we have} \\ d\Big| V(t,x) \Big|_{\mathcal{Q}} &= \int_{\mathcal{Q}} dV(t,x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{Q}} d\log (E_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + E_m(t,x) + \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t,x)) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{(A(t,x))} \Big| d_2 \Delta E_h(t,x) + \lambda_{hh}(t,x) S_h(t,x) + \lambda_{hh}(t,x) S_h(t,x) - (\xi_h + d_h) E_h(t,x) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\xi_h A(t,x)}{\xi_h A(t,x)} \Big| d_3 \Delta I_h(t,x) + \xi_h E_h(t,x) - (\gamma + d_h) I_h(t,x) \Big| \\ &+ \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m A(t,x)} \Big| d_5 \Delta E_m(t,x) + \theta \mu_m (kE_m(t,x) + I_m(t,x)) + \lambda_{hm}(t,x) S_m(t,x) - (\xi_m + d_m) E_m(t,x) \Big| \\ &+ \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m A(t,x)} \Big| d_5 \Delta I_m(t,x) + \xi_m E_m(t,x) - d_m I_m(t,x) \Big| \\ &+ \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m A(t,x)} \Big| d_5 \Delta I_m(t,x) + \xi_m E_m(t,x) - d_m I_m(t,x) \Big| \\ &+ \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m A(t,x)} \Big| d_5 \Delta I_m(t,x) + \xi_m E_m(t,x) - d_m I_m(t,x) \Big| \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_1^2 E_h^2(t,x) + \sigma_1^2 I_h^2(t,x) (\frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h})^2 + \sigma_2^2 E_m^2(t,x) + \sigma_2^2 I_m^2(t,x) (\frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t,x))^2} \Big| dt \\ &+ \left( \frac{\sigma_1 E_h(t,x)}{A(t,x)} + \frac{(\xi_h + d_h) \sigma_1 I_h(t,x)}{\xi_h A(t,x)} \right) dB_1(t) + \left( \frac{\sigma_2 E_m(t,x)}{4(t,x)} + \frac{(\xi_m + d_m) \sigma_2 I_m(t,x)}{\xi_m A(t,x)} \right) dB_2(t) \Big| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \left\{ \frac{d_2 \Delta E_h(t,x) + d_3 \Delta \left( \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + d_0 \Delta E_m(t,x) + d_0 \Delta \left( \frac{\xi_h + d_m}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_h \beta_h (k_h E_m(t,x) + I_m(t,x))}{E_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + E_m(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) \right) \\ &+ \frac{\alpha_h \beta_h (k_h E_h(t,x) + I_h(t,x))}{E_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x)} - \frac{(\sigma_1^2 \wedge \sigma_1^2 (\frac{\xi_h + \xi_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + \xi_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x))}{8((\frac{\xi_h + d_h})^2 (\frac{\xi_h + \xi_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x))} + \frac{\xi_h + \xi_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + \xi_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x)} \right] \\ &+ \left( \frac{\sigma_1 E_h(t,x)}{A(t,x)} + \frac{(\xi_h + d_h) \sigma_1 I_h(t,x)}{\xi_h A(t,x)} \right) dB_1(t) + \left( \frac{\sigma_2 E_m(t,x)}{A(t,x)} + \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t,x) \right) dB_2(t) \right\} dx. \\ \leq \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \left\{ \frac{(d_2 \vee d_3 \lor d_6 \lor d_7) |\Delta A(t,x)|}{\xi_h A(t,x)} + \frac{(\alpha_h \beta_h}{\xi_h} \beta_h \beta_h + \beta_h h_h + \beta_h h_h + \beta_h h_h}{\xi_h A(t,x)} + \frac{$$

Integrating the above inequality from 0 to *t*, we get

$$\begin{split} \left| V(t,x) \right|_{\mathcal{Q}} &\leq \left| V(0,x) \right|_{\mathcal{Q}} + \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \frac{(d_{2} \vee d_{3} \vee d_{6} \vee d_{7}) |\Delta A(s,x)|}{A(s,x)} dx ds \\ &+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \left( \alpha_{m} \beta_{h} + \beta_{hh} + \theta \mu_{m} + \alpha_{h} \beta_{m} - \frac{\sigma_{1}^{2} \wedge \sigma_{2}^{2}}{8[(\frac{\xi_{h} + d_{h}}{\xi_{h}})^{2} \vee (\frac{\xi_{m} + d_{m}}{\xi_{m}})^{2}]} \right) dx ds \\ &+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{1} E_{h}(s,x)}{A(s,x)} + \frac{(\xi_{h} + d_{h})\sigma_{1} I_{h}(s,x)}{\xi_{h} A(s,x)} \right) dx dB_{1}(s) \end{split}$$

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$$+ \int_{0}^{t} \int_{Q} \left( \frac{\sigma_{2}E_{m}(s,x)}{A(s,x)} + \frac{(\xi_{m} + d_{m})\sigma_{2}I_{m}(s,x)}{\xi_{m}A(s,x)} \right) dx dB_{2}(s)$$

$$\leq \left| V(0,x) \right|_{Q} + \int_{0}^{t} \int_{Q} \frac{(d_{2} \vee d_{3} \vee d_{6} \vee d_{7}) |\Delta A(s,x)|}{A(s,x)} dx ds$$

$$+ \left( \alpha_{m}\beta_{h} + \beta_{hh} + \theta\mu_{m} + \alpha_{h}\beta_{m} - \frac{\sigma_{1}^{2} \wedge \sigma_{2}^{2}}{8[(\frac{\xi_{h} + d_{h}}{\xi_{h}})^{2} \vee (\frac{\xi_{m} + d_{m}}{\xi_{m}})^{2}]} \right) |Q|t + M_{1}(t) + M_{2}(t), \qquad (3.4)$$

where

$$M_{1}(t) = \int_{0}^{t} \int_{Q} \left( \frac{\sigma_{1}E_{h}(s,x)}{A(s,x)} + \frac{(\xi_{h} + d_{h})\sigma_{1}I_{h}(s,x)}{\xi_{h}A(s,x)} \right) dx dB_{1}(s),$$
  
$$M_{2}(t) = \int_{0}^{t} \int_{Q} \left( \frac{\sigma_{2}E_{m}(s,x)}{A(s,x)} + \frac{(\xi_{m} + d_{m})\sigma_{2}I_{m}(s,x)}{\xi_{m}A(s,x)} \right) dx dB_{2}(s).$$

In addition, the quadratic variations of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are respectively

$$\langle M_1, M_1 \rangle_t = \int_0^t \Big( \int_Q \Big( \frac{\sigma_1 E_h(s, x)}{A(s, x)} + \frac{(\xi_h + d_h)\sigma_1 I_h(s, x)}{\xi_h A(s, x)} \Big) dx \Big)^2 ds,$$
  
 
$$\langle M_2, M_2 \rangle_t = \int_0^t \Big( \int_Q \Big( \frac{\sigma_2 E_m(s, x)}{A(s, x)} + \frac{(\xi_m + d_m)\sigma_2 I_m(s, x)}{\xi_m A(s, x)} \Big) dx \Big)^2 ds.$$

Therefore

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{\langle M_1, M_1 \rangle_t}{t} = \limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \Big( \int_Q \Big( \frac{\sigma_1 E_h(s, x)}{A(s, x)} + \frac{(\xi_h + d_h)\sigma_1 I_h(s, x)}{\xi_h A(s, x)} \Big) dx \Big)^2 ds \le (2\sigma_1 |Q|)^2 < \infty \ a.s.,$$

$$\limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{\langle M_2, M_2 \rangle_t}{t} = \limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \Big( \int_Q \Big( \frac{\sigma_2 E_m(s, x)}{A(s, x)} + \frac{(\xi_m + d_m)\sigma_2 I_m(s, x)}{\xi_m A(s, x)} \Big) dx \Big)^2 ds \le (2\sigma_2 |Q|)^2 < \infty \ a.s.$$
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$$\limsup_{t\to\infty}\frac{M_1(t)}{t}=0 \quad a.s. \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t\to\infty}\frac{M_2(t)}{t}=0 \quad a.s.$$

Together with (3.2)–(3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{split} & \limsup_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \Big| \log \left( E_h(t,x) + \frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h} I_h(t,x) + E_m(t,x) + \frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m} I_m(t,x) \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{Q}} \\ \leq & \Big( \alpha_m \beta_h + \beta_{hh} + \theta \mu_m + \alpha_h \beta_m - \frac{\sigma_1^2 \wedge \sigma_2^2}{8 \left[ \left(\frac{\xi_h + d_h}{\xi_h}\right)^2 \vee \left(\frac{\xi_m + d_m}{\xi_m}\right)^2 \right]} \Big) |\mathcal{Q}| \\ < & 0, \end{split}$$

which shows that

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} E_h(t,x) = \lim_{t\to\infty} I_h(t,x) = \lim_{t\to\infty} E_m(t,x) = \lim_{t\to\infty} I_m(t,x) = 0 \quad a.s.$$

This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Conditions (3.2) and (3.3) of Theorem 3.2 suggest that Zika virus will become exponentially extinct when the diffusion coefficients of infected people and mosquitoes are very small, that is, they hardly move, and the intensities of environmental noise are relatively large. There is no doubt that such conditions are very harsh. In what follows we will talk about the stationary distribution of system (2.2), which means the persistence of Zika disease.

#### 4. Stationary distribution

First of all, we give the definition of the stationary distribution of system (2.2) [45]. Let  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  represent the space of all probability measures on  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$ , here  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  denotes the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathcal{H}$ .  $C_b(\mathcal{H})$  is the set of all bounded and continuous real-valued functions on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Definition 4.1.** A stationary distribution of the positive solution X(t, x),  $t \ge 0$ , of system (2.2) is defined as a probability measure  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  which satisfies

$$\pi(g) = \pi(\mathbb{P}_t g), \quad t \ge 0,$$

here  $\pi(g) := \int_{\mathcal{H}} g(\phi) \pi(d\phi), \mathbb{P}_t g(\phi) := \mathbb{E}g(|X(t, x, \phi)|_Q), \text{ and } g \in C_b(\mathcal{H}).$ 

For  $\pi_1, \pi_2 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ , a measure on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is defined by

$$d(\pi_1, \pi_2) = \sup_{g \in \mathcal{N}} \Big| \int_{\mathcal{H}} g(\phi_1) \pi_1(d\phi_1) - \int_{\mathcal{H}} g(\phi_2) \pi_2(d\phi_2) \Big|,$$

where  $\mathcal{N} := \{g : \mathcal{H} \to \mathbb{R}, |g(\phi_1) - g(\phi_2)| \le ||\phi_1 - \phi_2|| \text{ for any } \phi_1, \phi_2 \in \mathcal{H} \text{ and } |g(\cdot)| \le 1\}$ .  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is complete under the measure  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  by [46], and then we can get an important lemma as follows, which provides an assertion for the existence of stationary distribution [45].

**Lemma 4.1.** Assuming that for arbitrary bounded subset O of  $\mathcal{H}^+$ , p > 1, (*i*)  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \sup_{\phi_1,\phi_2\in O} \mathbb{E}||X(t, x, \phi_1) - X(t, x, \phi_2)||^p = 0$ ; (*ii*)  $\sup_{t\geq 0} \sup_{\phi\in O} \mathbb{E}||X(t, x, \phi)||^p < \infty$ . Then,  $X(t, x, \phi), t \geq 0$ , has a stationary distribution for initial data  $\phi \in \mathcal{H}^+$ .

Applying Lemma 4.1, we can obtain the conditions for the existence of the steady-state distribution of system (2.2).

**Theorem 4.2.** Assume there are constants p > 1,  $\vartheta > 0$ , and  $0 < c_i < 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$ ) such that

$$2\beta_{hh}^{p} + p\beta_{hh}k_{hh} + 7(p-1) + \alpha_{h}^{p}\hat{A}_{1} + \hat{A}_{2} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} < pd_{h} + p\check{B}_{1},$$
(4.1)

and

$$(\theta\mu_m)^p(1+k^p) + pk\theta\mu_m + \xi_m^p + 5(p-1) + \alpha_m^p \hat{A}_3 + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_2^2 < pd_m + p\check{B}_2,$$
(4.2)

where  $\hat{A}_1 = 2\beta_m^p \lor \beta_h^p (1 + k_h^p)$ ,  $\hat{A}_2 = \xi_h^p \lor \gamma^p$ ,  $\hat{A}_3 = 2\beta_h^p \lor \beta_m^p (1 + k_m^p)$ ,  $\check{B}_1 = c_1d_1 \land c_2d_2 \land c_3d_3 \land c_4d_4$ ,  $\check{B}_2 = c_5d_5 \land c_6d_6 \land c_7d_7$ , then process  $X(t, x), t \ge 0$ , of system (2.2) has a unique stationary distribution  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ .

*Proof.* To illustrate the existence of steady-state distribution of system (2.2), we need to prove that the conditions (*i*) and (*ii*) in Lemma 4.1 hold. Since Theorem 2.2 implies that (*ii*) is true, we only need to verify (*i*). To this end, for p > 1,  $\vartheta > 0$ , let

$$\Phi(t, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) = e^{\vartheta t} (||y_1||^p + ||y_2||^p + ||y_3||^p + ||y_4||^p + ||y_5||^p + ||y_6||^p + ||y_7||^p),$$

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where

$$y_{1} = y_{1}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = S_{h}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - S_{h}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := S_{h1} - S_{h2},$$
  

$$y_{2} = y_{2}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = E_{h}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - E_{h}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := E_{h1} - E_{h2},$$
  

$$y_{3} = y_{3}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = I_{h}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - I_{h}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := I_{h1} - I_{h2},$$
  

$$y_{4} = y_{4}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = R_{h}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - R_{h}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := R_{h1} - R_{h2},$$
  

$$y_{5} = y_{5}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = S_{m}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - S_{m}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := S_{m1} - S_{m2},$$
  

$$y_{6} = y_{6}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = E_{m}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - E_{m}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := E_{m1} - E_{m2},$$
  

$$y_{7} = y_{7}(t, x, \phi_{1}, \phi_{2}) = I_{m}(t, x, \phi_{1}) - I_{m}(t, x, \phi_{2}) := I_{m1} - I_{m2}.$$

Applying Itô's formula, we deduce

 $d\Phi(t, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) = \vartheta\Phi(t, x, \phi_1, \phi_2)dt + e^{\vartheta t}d(||y_1||^p + ||y_2||^p + ||y_3||^p + ||y_4||^p + ||y_5||^p + ||y_6||^p + ||y_7||^p).$ (4.3)

For simplicity, we assume that  $N_h(t, x, \phi_1) = N_h(t, x, \phi_2) = N_h(t, x)$  and  $N_m(t, x, \phi_1) = N_m(t, x, \phi_2) = N_m(t, x)$ . Thus denote  $\lambda_{mh1}(t, x) = b_m(t, x)\beta_h(k_hE_{m1} + I_{m1})/N_h = \frac{\alpha_h\alpha_m}{\alpha_hN_h + \alpha_mN_m}\beta_h(k_hE_{m1} + I_{m1}), \lambda_{mh2}(t, x) = b_m(t, x)\beta_h(k_hE_{m2} + I_{m2})/N_h = \frac{\alpha_h\alpha_m}{\alpha_hN_h + \alpha_mN_m}\beta_h(k_hE_{m2} + I_{m2}), \lambda_{hh1}(t, x) = \beta_{hh}(k_{hh}E_{h1} + I_{h1})/N_h$ , and  $\lambda_{hh2}(t, x) = \beta_{hh}(k_{hh}E_{h2} + I_{h2})/N_h$ . By *Itô*'s formula and embedding theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} d\|y_{1}\|^{p} &= p\|y_{1}\|^{p-2} \langle y_{1}, d_{1} \Delta y_{1} - (\lambda_{mh1}(t, x)S_{h1} - \lambda_{mh2}(t, x)S_{h2}) - (\lambda_{hh1}(t, x)S_{h1} - \lambda_{hh2}(t, x)S_{h2}) \\ &- d_{h}y_{1} \rangle dt + \frac{1}{2} p(p-1) \|y_{1}\|^{p-4} \langle y_{1}, \sigma_{1}y_{1} \rangle^{2} dt + p\|y_{1}\|^{p-2} \langle y_{1}, \sigma_{1}y_{1} \rangle dB_{1} \\ &= \left[ - pd_{1}\|y_{1}\|^{p-2} \|\nabla y_{1}\|^{2}_{*} - p\|y_{1}\|^{p-2} \langle y_{1}, \frac{\alpha_{h}\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}}{\alpha_{h}N_{h} + \alpha_{m}N_{m}} (k_{h}E_{m1}S_{h1} - k_{h}E_{m2}S_{h2} + I_{m1}S_{h1} \\ &- I_{m2}S_{h2}) \rangle - p\|y_{1}\|^{p-2} \langle y_{1}, \frac{\beta_{hh}}{N_{h}} (k_{hh}E_{h1}S_{h1} - k_{hh}E_{h2}S_{h2} + I_{h1}S_{h1} - I_{h2}S_{h2}) - pd_{h}\|y_{1}\|^{p} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}\|y_{1}\|^{p} \right] dt + p\sigma_{1}\|y_{1}\|^{p} dB_{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left[ - pc_{1}d_{1}\|y_{1}\|^{p} + p\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}k_{h}\|y_{1}\|^{p-1}\|y_{6}\| + p\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}\|y_{1}\|^{p-1}\|y_{7}\| + p\beta_{hh}k_{hh}\|y_{1}\|^{p-1}\|y_{2}\| \\ &+ p\beta_{hh}\|y_{1}\|^{p-1}\|y_{3}\| - pd_{h}\|y_{1}\|^{p} + \frac{1}{2} p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}\|y_{1}\|^{p} \right] dt + p\sigma_{1}\|y_{1}\|^{p} dB_{1} \\ \leq \left[ (- pc_{1}d_{1} + 4(p-1) - pd_{h} + \frac{1}{2} p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})|y_{1}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}k_{h})^{p}|y_{6}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{h})^{p}|y_{7}\|^{p} \\ &+ (\beta_{hh}k_{hh})^{p}|y_{2}\|^{p} + \beta_{hh}^{p}|y_{3}\|^{p} \right] dt + p\sigma_{1}||y_{1}\|^{p} dB_{1}, \end{aligned}$$

here  $c_1 < 1$  is a constant and the last inequality sign takes advantage of the Young inequality. Similarly,

$$d||y_{2}||^{p} = p||y_{2}||^{p-2} \langle y_{2}, d_{2}\Delta y_{2} + \lambda_{mh1}(t, x)S_{h1} - \lambda_{mh2}(t, x)S_{h2} + \lambda_{hh1}(t, x)S_{h1} - \lambda_{hh2}(t, x)S_{h2} 
- (\xi_{h} + d_{h})y_{2}\rangle dt + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}||y_{2}||^{p}dt + p\sigma_{1}||y_{2}||^{p}dB_{1} 
\leq \left[ (-pc_{2}d_{2} + 7(p-1) + p\beta_{hh}k_{hh} - p(\xi_{h} + d_{h}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})||y_{2}||^{p} + ((\alpha_{h}\beta_{h}k_{h})^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{h})^{p} + (\beta_{hh}k_{hh})^{p} + \beta_{hh}^{p})||y_{1}||^{p} + \beta_{hh}^{p}||y_{3}||^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}k_{h})^{p}||y_{6}||^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{h})^{p}||y_{7}||^{p} \right] dt 
+ p\sigma_{1}||y_{2}||^{p}dB_{1},$$
(4.5)

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$$\begin{aligned} d\|y_{3}\|^{p} &= p\|y_{3}\|^{p-2}\langle y_{3}, d_{3}\Delta y_{3} + \xi_{h}y_{2} - (\gamma + d_{h})y_{3}\rangle dt + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}\||y_{3}\|^{p}dt + p\sigma_{1}\||y_{3}\|^{p}dB_{1} \\ &\leq \left[(-pc_{3}d_{3} + p - 1 - p(\gamma + d_{h}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})\|y_{3}\|^{p} + \xi_{h}^{p}\||y_{2}\|^{p}\right]dt + p\sigma_{1}\||y_{3}\|^{p}dB_{1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\|y_{4}\|^{p} &= p\|y_{4}\|^{p-2}\langle y_{4}, d_{4}\Delta y_{4} + \gamma y_{3} - d_{h}y_{4}\rangle dt + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}\|y_{4}\|^{p}dt + p\sigma_{1}\||y_{4}\|^{p}dB_{1} \\ &\leq \left[(-pc_{4}d_{4} + p - 1 - pd_{h} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})\|y_{4}\|^{p} + \gamma^{p}\|y_{3}\|^{p}\right]dt + p\sigma_{1}\|y_{4}\|^{p}dB_{1}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\|y_{5}\|^{p} &= p\|y_{5}\|^{p-2}\langle y_{5}, d_{5}\Delta y_{5} - k\theta\mu_{m}y_{6} - \theta\mu_{m}y_{7} - (\lambda_{hm1}(t, x)S_{m1} - \lambda_{hm2}(t, x)S_{m2}) - d_{m}y_{5}\rangle dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}\|y_{5}\|^{p}dt + p\sigma_{2}\|y_{5}\|^{p}dB_{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left[(-pc_{5}d_{5} + 4(p-1) - pd_{m} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2})\|y_{5}\|^{p} + (k\theta\mu_{m})^{p}\|y_{6}\|^{p} + (\theta\mu_{m})^{p}\|y_{7}\|^{p} \\ &+ (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p}\|y_{2}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m})^{p}\|y_{3}\|^{p}\right]dt + p\sigma_{2}\|y_{5}\|^{p}dB_{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$d\|y_{6}\|^{p} &= p\|y_{6}\|^{p-2}\langle y_{6}, d_{6}\Delta y_{6} + k\theta\mu_{m}y_{6} + \theta\mu_{m}y_{7} + \lambda_{hm1}(t, x)S_{m1} - \lambda_{hm2}(t, x)S_{m2} - (\xi_{m} + d_{m})y_{6}\rangle dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}\|y_{6}\|^{p}dt + p\sigma_{2}\|y_{6}\|^{p}dB_{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left[(-pc_{6}d_{6} + 5(p-1) + pk\theta\mu_{m} - p(\xi_{m} + d_{m}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2})\|y_{6}\|^{p} + (k\theta\mu_{m})^{p}\|y_{7}\|^{p} \\ &+ ((\alpha_{m}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{m})^{p})\|y_{5}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p}\|y_{2}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m})^{p}\|y_{3}\|^{p}\right]dt + p\sigma_{2}\|y_{6}\|^{p}dB_{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \left[(-pc_{6}d_{6} + 5(p-1) + pk\theta\mu_{m} - p(\xi_{m} + d_{m}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2})\|y_{6}\|^{p} + (k\theta\mu_{m})^{p}\|y_{7}\|^{p} \\ &+ ((\alpha_{m}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{m})^{p})\|y_{5}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p}\|y_{2}\|^{p} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{m})^{p}\|y_{3}\|^{p}\right]dt + p\sigma_{2}\|y_{6}\|^{p}dB_{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$d||y_{7}||^{p} = p||y_{7}||^{p-2} \langle y_{7}, d_{7}\Delta y_{7} + \xi_{m}y_{6} - d_{m}y_{7} \rangle dt + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}||y_{7}||^{p}dt + p\sigma_{2}||y_{7}||^{p}dB_{2}$$

$$\leq \left[ (-pc_{7}d_{7} + p - 1 - pd_{m} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2})||y_{7}||^{p} + \xi_{m}^{p}||y_{6}||^{p} \right] dt + p\sigma_{2}||y_{7}||^{p}dB_{2}.$$
(4.10)

Substituting (4.4)–(4.10) into (4.3), integrating the two sides of (4.3), and seeking mathematical expectation, then

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}\Phi(t, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) \leq \mathbb{E}\Phi(0, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) + \mathbb{E} \int_0^t \vartheta \Phi(s, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) ds \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \int_0^t e^{\vartheta s} C_7(||y_1||^p + ||y_2||^p + ||y_3||^p + ||y_4||^p + ||y_5||^p + ||y_6||^p + ||y_7||^p) ds \\ &= \mathbb{E}\Phi(0, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) + \mathbb{E} \int_0^t (\vartheta + C_7) \Phi(s, x, \phi_1, \phi_2) ds, \end{split}$$

where

$$C_{7} = \max\{-pc_{1}d_{1} + 4(p-1) - pd_{h} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + (\alpha_{h}\beta_{h})^{p}(k_{h}^{p}+1) + \beta_{hh}^{p}(k_{hh}^{p}+1), -pc_{2}d_{2} + 7(p-1) + p\beta_{hh}k_{hh} - p(\xi_{h}+d_{h}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + (\beta_{hh}k_{hh})^{p} + \xi_{h}^{p} + 2(\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p}, -pc_{3}d_{3} + p-1 - p(\gamma+d_{h}) + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + 2\beta_{hh}^{p} + \gamma^{p} + 2(\alpha_{h}\beta_{m})^{p}, -pc_{4}d_{4} + p-1 - pd_{h} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}, -pc_{5}d_{5} + 4(p-1) + pd_{m} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{m}k_{m})^{p} + (\alpha_{m}\beta_{m})^{p}, -pc_{6}d_{6} + 5(p-1) + pk\theta\mu_{m} - p(\xi_{m}+d_{m}) + \xi_{m}^{p}$$

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(4.9)

$$+\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}+2(\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}k_{h})^{p}+(k\theta\mu_{m})^{p}, -pc_{7}d_{7}+p-1-pd_{m}+\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}+(\theta\mu_{m})^{p}(1+k^{p})$$
$$+2(\alpha_{m}\beta_{h})^{p}\},$$

and  $\vartheta + C_7 > 0$ . Next, we take the  $\sup_{\phi_1, \phi_2 \in Q}$  and use the Gronwall inequality to get

$$\sup_{\phi_1,\phi_2\in O} \mathbb{E}\Phi(t,x,\phi_1,\phi_2) \leq \sup_{\phi_1,\phi_2\in O} \mathbb{E}\Phi(0,x,\phi_1,\phi_2)e^{(\vartheta+C_7)t},$$

i.e.,

 $\sup_{\phi_1,\phi_2 \in O} \mathbb{E}(\|y_1\|^p + \|y_2\|^p + \|y_3\|^p + \|y_4\|^p + \|y_5\|^p + \|y_6\|^p + \|y_7\|^p) \le \sup_{\phi_1,\phi_2 \in O} \mathbb{E}\Phi(0, x, \phi_1, \phi_2)e^{C_7 t}.$  (4.11)

According to (4.1) and (4.2),  $C_7 < 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \sup_{\phi_1, \phi_2 \in O} \mathbb{E}(||y_1||^p + ||y_2||^p + ||y_3||^p + ||y_4||^p + ||y_5||^p + ||y_6||^p + ||y_7||^p) = 0$$

Thus, the condition (i) of Lemma 4.1 is proved. Let us now explain the uniqueness of steady-state distribution of system (2.2).

Suppose  $\pi' \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$  is another steady-state distribution for  $X(t, x), t \ge 0$ , of system (2.2).  $C_{lb}(\mathcal{H})$  is a bounded and Lipschitz continuous function family on  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then by the definition of stationary distribution, the Hölder inequality, and (4.11), for  $g \in C_{lb}(\mathcal{H})$ , we can derive that

$$|\pi(g) - \pi'(g)| \le \int_{\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H}} |\mathbb{P}_t g(\phi_1) - \mathbb{P}_t g(\phi_2)| \pi(d\phi_1) \pi'(d\phi_2) \le C_8 e^{\frac{1}{2}C_7 t}, \quad t \ge 0,$$
(4.12)

here  $C_8 > 0$  is a constant. Whereupon, the uniqueness of stationary distribution can be obtained by setting  $t \to \infty$  in (4.12) when  $C_7 < 0$ . The proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

From (4.1) and (4.2) of Theorem 4.2, we find that Zika disease will be persistent when the intensities of environmental noise are low, while the diffusion coefficients of humans and mosquitoes are relatively large, which is the opposite of exponential extinction.

#### 5. Optimal control problem

The objective of this section is to illustrate that anti-Zika control strategies can be implemented while minimizing the cost of implementing these measures. So we formulate a stochastic optimal control problem by introducing three control variables into system (2.2). The control  $u_1(t, x)$  denotes the level of personal protective efforts among the population, so the correlative infectivity is decreased by the factor  $(1 - u_1(t, x))$ . The control  $u_2(t, x)$  represents the level of treatment for infected people. We choose saturated treatment rate function  $\frac{cu_2I_h}{1+\alpha I_h}$  with treatment rate c > 0 and saturation coefficient  $\alpha \ge 0$  due to the limited medical resources (medical staff, medicines, hospital beds, etc.), where  $\frac{c}{\alpha}$  is the largest medical resource provided per unit of time. The control  $u_3(t, x)$  indicates the level of insecticides used to kill mosquitoes in mosquito breeding grounds, which increases the mosquito mortality rate from  $d_m$  to  $d_m + c_0u_3$  with killing efficacy  $c_0$ . In this thesis,  $0 \le u_i \le 1$  (i = 1, 2, 3) means that there is no effort

(i.e., no control) when the control is zero, and the maximum control is put when the control is one. Let  $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ . Thus the stochastic control system for Zika disease will be written as

$$\begin{cases} dS_{h} = \left[ d_{1}\Delta S_{h} + \Lambda_{h} - (1 - u_{1})\lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} - (1 - u_{1})\lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - d_{h}S_{h} \right] dt + \sigma_{1}S_{h}dB_{1} \\ := z_{1}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{1}S_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dE_{h} = \left[ d_{2}\Delta E_{h} + (1 - u_{1})\lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} + (1 - u_{1})\lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} - (\xi_{h} + d_{h})E_{h} \right] dt + \sigma_{1}E_{h}dB_{1} \\ := z_{2}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{1}E_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dI_{h} = \left[ d_{3}\Delta I_{h} + \xi_{h}E_{h} - (\gamma + d_{h})I_{h} - \frac{cu_{2}I_{h}}{1 + \alpha I_{h}} \right] dt + \sigma_{1}I_{h}dB_{1} \\ := z_{3}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{1}I_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dR_{h} = \left[ d_{4}\Delta R_{h} + \gamma I_{h} - d_{h}R_{h} + \frac{cu_{2}I_{h}}{1 + \alpha I_{h}} \right] dt + \sigma_{1}R_{h}dB_{1} \\ := z_{4}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{1}R_{h}dB_{1}, \\ dS_{m} = \left[ d_{5}\Delta S_{m} + \Lambda_{m} - \theta\mu_{m}(kE_{m} + I_{m}) - \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - (d_{m} + c_{0}u_{3})S_{m} \right] dt + \sigma_{2}S_{m}dB_{2} \\ := z_{5}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{2}S_{m}dB_{2}, \\ dE_{m} = \left[ d_{6}\Delta E_{m} + \theta\mu_{m}(kE_{m} + I_{m}) + \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} - (\xi_{m} + d_{m} + c_{0}u_{3})E_{m} \right] dt + \sigma_{2}E_{m}dB_{2} \\ := z_{6}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{2}E_{m}dB_{2}, \\ dI_{m} = \left[ d_{7}\Delta I_{m} + \xi_{m}E_{m} - (d_{m} + c_{0}u_{3})I_{m} \right] dt + \sigma_{2}I_{m}dB_{2} \\ := z_{7}(t, x, X, u)dt + \sigma_{2}I_{m}dB_{2}, \end{cases}$$

for  $t > 0, x \in Q$ , with the boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}R_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}S_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}E_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}}I_m = 0, \quad t > 0, x \in \partial Q,$$

and initial conditions

$$(S_h(0, x), E_h(0, x), I_h(0, x), R_h(0, x), S_m(0, x), E_m(0, x), I_m(0, x))$$
  
=  $(S_h^0(x), E_h^0(x), I_h^0(x), R_h^0(x), S_m^0(x), E_m^0(x), I_m^0(x)), \quad x \in Q.$ 

Our optimal control study aims at minimizing the number of exposed and infected people, the total number of mosquitoes, and the cost of executing the control in time interval [0, T] and region Q. In order to realize this goal, an objective functional is defined as

$$J(u) = \mathbb{E}\Big\{\int_0^T \int_Q f(X(t,x), u(t,x)) dx dt + \int_Q \varphi(X(T,x)) dx\Big\},$$
(5.2)

with

$$f(X, u) = a_1 E_h + a_2 I_h + a_3 N_m + b_1 u_1 S_h + b_2 u_2 I_h + b_3 u_3 N_m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 c_j u_j^2,$$

where  $a_1, a_2$ , and  $a_3$  are positive coefficients of weight of the exposed, infected human and the total mosquito populations, respectively,  $b_1, b_2$ , and  $b_3$  are positive coefficients of weigh for the linear costs

of personal protection, the treatment for infected people, and mosquito control, respectively,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  are positive coefficients of weight for the quadratic costs, respectively. A function of X(t, x) at the terminal time T is denoted by  $\varphi(X(T, x))$ . The next task is to find the optimal control  $\bar{u} = (\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \bar{u}_3)$  such that

$$J(\bar{u}) = \min_{u \in U} J(u),$$

here U is the admissible control set as follows

 $U = \{ (u(t, x) | u_i(t, x) \in [0, 1] \text{ is } \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \ge 0} - \text{adapted}, t \in [0, T], x \in Q, i = 1, 2, 3 \}.$ (5.3)

Similar to Theorem 2.1, the existence, uniqueness, and boundness of the positive solution of system (5.1) can also be verified. Further, we can obtain the boundedness and convexity of  $f_i(t, x, X, u)(i = 1, 2, \dots, 7)$  and the compactness of *U*, and then the existence of optimal control  $\bar{u}$  can be shown according to Theorem 3.1 in [47].

Next, we will makes use of the Pontryagin maximum principle [48] to obtain the optimal control. Denote  $\lambda(t, x) = (\lambda_1(t, x), \lambda_2(t, x), \dots, \lambda_7(t, x)), \quad \mu(t, x) = (\mu_1(t, x), \mu_2(t, x), \dots, \mu_7(t, x)).$  $\bar{X} = (\bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2, \bar{X}_3, \bar{X}_4, \bar{X}_5, \bar{X}_6, \bar{X}_7) = (\bar{S}_h, \bar{E}_h, \bar{I}_h, \bar{R}_h, \bar{S}_m, \bar{E}_m, \bar{I}_m)$  is the optimal state variable of system (5.1) corresponding to the optimal control  $\bar{u}$ . Then by the stochastic maximum principle, there exists a pair of processes  $(\lambda(t, x), \mu(t, x)) \in L^2_{\mathcal{F}}([0, T] \times Q; \mathbb{R}^7) \times L^2_{\mathcal{F}}([0, T] \times Q; \mathbb{R}^7)$  that satisfy the following SDE

$$\begin{aligned} d\lambda_{1}(t,x) &= -g_{1}(X(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{1}(t,x)dB_{1}(t), \\ d\lambda_{2}(t,x) &= -g_{2}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{2}(t,x)dB_{1}(t), \\ d\lambda_{3}(t,x) &= -g_{3}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{3}(t,x)dB_{1}(t), \\ d\lambda_{4}(t,x) &= -g_{4}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{4}(t,x)dB_{1}(t), \\ d\lambda_{5}(t,x) &= -g_{5}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{5}(t,x)dB_{2}(t), \\ d\lambda_{6}(t,x) &= -g_{6}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{6}(t,x)dB_{2}(t), \\ d\lambda_{7}(t,x) &= -g_{7}(\bar{X}(t,x), \bar{u}(t,x), \lambda(t,x), \mu(t,x))dt + \mu_{7}(t,x)dB_{2}(t), \\ \lambda_{i}(T,x) &= \varphi_{X_{i}}(\bar{X}(T,x)), \end{aligned}$$
(5.4)

where

$$\begin{split} g_1(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) =& d_1 \Delta \lambda_1 - \Big[ (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{mh} \frac{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h (\bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h)}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} + (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{hh} \frac{\bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h}{\bar{N}_h} + d_h \Big] \lambda_1 \\ &+ \Big[ (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{mh} \frac{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h (\bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h)}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} + (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{hh} \frac{\bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h}{\bar{N}_h} \Big] \lambda_2 \\ &+ \Big[ \bar{\lambda}_{hm} \frac{\alpha_h}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} \bar{S}_m \Big] \lambda_5 - \Big[ \bar{\lambda}_{hm} \frac{\alpha_h}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} \bar{S}_m \Big] \lambda_6 + \sigma_1 \mu_1 + b_1 u_1, \\ g_2(\bar{X}, \bar{u}, \lambda, \mu) = d_2 \Delta \lambda_2 + \Big[ (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{mh} \frac{\alpha_h \bar{S}_h}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} - (1-\bar{u}_1)\beta_{hh} \frac{k_{hh} \bar{S}_h (\bar{S}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h) - \bar{I}_h \bar{S}_h}{\bar{N}_h^2} \Big] \lambda_1 \\ &- \Big[ (1-\bar{u}_1)\bar{\lambda}_{mh} \frac{\alpha_h \bar{S}_h}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} - (1-\bar{u}_1)\beta_{hh} \frac{k_{hh} \bar{S}_h (\bar{S}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h) - \bar{I}_h \bar{S}_h}{\bar{N}_h^2} + \xi_h \lambda_3 - \Big[ \frac{\alpha_m \alpha_h \beta_m k_m \bar{S}_m - \alpha_h \bar{\lambda}_{hm} \bar{S}_m}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} \Big] \lambda_5 + \Big[ \frac{\alpha_m \alpha_h \beta_m k_m \bar{S}_m - \alpha_h \bar{\lambda}_{hm} \bar{S}_m}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} \Big] \lambda_5 + \Big[ \frac{\alpha_m \alpha_h \beta_m k_m \bar{S}_m - \alpha_h \bar{\lambda}_{hm} \bar{S}_m}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h} \Big] \lambda_6 + \sigma_1 \mu_2 + a_1, \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} g_{3}(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) = &d_{3}\Delta\lambda_{3} + \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{h}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - (1-\bar{u}_{1})\beta_{hh}\frac{\bar{S}_{h}(\bar{S}_{h}+\bar{E}_{h}+\bar{R}_{h})-k_{hh}\bar{E}_{h}\bar{S}_{h}}{\bar{N}_{h}^{2}}\Big]\lambda_{1} \\ &- \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{h}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - (1-\bar{u}_{1})\beta_{hh}\frac{\bar{S}_{h}(\bar{S}_{h}+\bar{E}_{h}+\bar{R}_{h})-k_{hh}\bar{E}_{h}\bar{S}_{h}}{\bar{N}_{h}^{2}}\Big]\lambda_{2} \\ &- \Big[\gamma+d_{h}+\frac{cu_{2}}{(1+\alpha I_{h})^{2}}\Big]\lambda_{3} + \Big[\gamma+\frac{cu_{2}}{(1+\alpha I_{h})^{2}}\Big]\lambda_{4} - \Big[\frac{\alpha_{m}\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}\bar{S}_{m}-\alpha_{h}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{5} \\ &+ \Big[\frac{\alpha_{m}\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}\bar{S}_{m}-\alpha_{h}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{6} + \sigma_{1}\mu_{3} + a_{2} + b_{2}u_{2}, \\ g_{4}(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) = &d_{4}\Delta\lambda_{4} + \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{h}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} + (1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{hh}\frac{\bar{S}_{h}}{\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{2} - &d_{h}\lambda_{4} + \Big[\frac{\alpha_{h}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{5} - \Big[\frac{\alpha_{h}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{6} + \sigma_{1}\mu_{4}, \\ g_{5}(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) = &d_{5}\Delta\lambda_{5} + \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{1} - \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{1} - \Big[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\bar{\lambda}_{mh}\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{6} \\ &- \Big[\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\frac{\alpha_{m}(\bar{E}_{m}+\bar{I}_{m})+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} + d_{m}+c_{0}u_{3}\Big]\lambda_{5} + \Big[\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\frac{\alpha_{m}(\bar{E}_{m}+\bar{I}_{m})+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m}+\alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\Big]\lambda_{6} \\ &+ \sigma_{2}\mu_{5} + a_{3} + b_{3}u_{3}, \end{split}$$

$$g_{6}(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) = d_{6}\Delta\lambda_{6} - \left[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\alpha_{m}\frac{\alpha_{h}\beta_{h}k_{h}\bar{S}_{h} - \bar{\lambda}_{mh}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\right]\lambda_{1} + \left[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\alpha_{m}\frac{\alpha_{h}\beta_{h}k_{h}\bar{S}_{h} - \bar{\lambda}_{mh}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\right]\lambda_{2} + \left[\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - k\theta\mu_{m}\right]\lambda_{5} + \left[k\theta\mu_{m} - \frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - (\xi_{m} + d_{m} + c_{0}u_{3})\right]\lambda_{6} + \xi_{m}\lambda_{7} + \sigma_{2}\mu_{6} + a_{3} + b_{3}u_{3},$$

$$g_{7}(\bar{X},\bar{u},\lambda,\mu) = d_{7}\Delta\lambda_{7} - \left[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\alpha_{m}\frac{\alpha_{h}\beta_{h}\bar{S}_{h} - \bar{\lambda}_{mh}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\right]\lambda_{1} + \left[(1-\bar{u}_{1})\alpha_{m}\frac{\alpha_{h}\beta_{h}\bar{S}_{h} - \bar{\lambda}_{mh}\bar{S}_{h}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}}\right]\lambda_{2} + \left[\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - \theta\mu_{m}\right]\lambda_{5} - \left[\frac{\alpha_{m}\bar{\lambda}_{hm}\bar{S}_{m}}{\alpha_{m}\bar{N}_{m} + \alpha_{h}\bar{N}_{h}} - \theta\mu_{m}\right]\lambda_{6} - (d_{m} + c_{0}u_{3})\lambda_{7} + \sigma_{2}\mu_{7} + a_{3} + b_{3}u_{3},$$

and  $\bar{N}_h = \bar{S}_h + \bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h + \bar{R}_h$ ,  $\bar{N}_m = \bar{S}_m + \bar{E}_m + \bar{I}_m$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{mh} = \frac{\alpha_m \alpha_h \beta_h (k_h \bar{E}_m + \bar{I}_m)}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{hh} = \frac{\beta_{hh} (k_{hh} \bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h)}{\bar{N}_h}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_{hm} = \frac{\alpha_m \alpha_h \beta_m (k_m \bar{E}_h + \bar{I}_h)}{\alpha_m \bar{N}_m + \alpha_h \bar{N}_h}$ . Define the following Hamilton function:

$$H(t, X, u, \lambda, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \langle z_i(t, x, X, u), \lambda_i \rangle + \langle \sigma_1 S_h, \mu_1 \rangle + \langle \sigma_1 E_h, \mu_2 \rangle + \langle \sigma_1 I_h, \mu_3 \rangle + \langle \sigma_1 R_h, \mu_4 \rangle + \langle \sigma_2 S_m, \mu_5 \rangle + \langle \sigma_2 E_m, \mu_6 \rangle + \langle \sigma_2 I_m, \mu_7 \rangle + \int_{\mathcal{Q}} f(X(t, x), u(t, x)) dx = \int_{\mathcal{Q}} \Big( \sum_{i=1}^{7} z_i(t, x, X, u) \lambda_i + \sigma_1 S_h \mu_1 + \sigma_1 E_h \mu_2 + \sigma_1 I_h \mu_3 + \sigma_1 R_h \mu_4 + \sigma_2 S_m \mu_5 + \sigma_2 E_m \mu_6 + \sigma_2 I_m \mu_7 + f(X(t, x), u(t, x)) \Big) dx,$$
(5.5)

for  $(t, X, u, \lambda, \mu) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{H}^+ \times U \times \mathbb{R}^7 \times \mathbb{R}^7$ . So, according to the maximum condition of stochastic maximum principle, from  $\frac{\partial H(t, X, u, \lambda, \mu)}{\partial u_j} = 0$  and  $0 \le u_j \le 1, j = 1, 2, 3$ , we get the following conclusion:

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**Theorem 5.1.** Under objective functional (5.2), the expressions for the optimal controls of system (5.1) *are* 

$$\bar{u}_{1} = \min \{ \max \{ \frac{1}{c_{1}} [(\bar{\lambda}_{mh} + \bar{\lambda}_{hh})(\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{1})\bar{S}_{h} - b_{1}\bar{S}_{h}], 0 \}, 1 \},$$
  
$$\bar{u}_{2} = \min \{ \max \{ \frac{1}{c_{2}} [\frac{cI_{h}}{1 + \alpha I_{h}}(\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4}) - b_{2}\bar{I}_{h}], 0 \}, 1 \},$$
  
$$\bar{u}_{3} = \min \{ \max \{ \frac{1}{c_{3}} [c_{0}(\bar{S}_{m}\lambda_{5} + \bar{E}_{m}\lambda_{6} + \bar{I}_{m}\lambda_{7}) - b_{3}\bar{N}_{m}], 0 \}, 1 \}.$$

#### 6. Numerical simulations

In this part, some numerical simulations will be conducted to illustrate our theoretical results more intuitively. We can write the discrete form (A.4) of the state Eq (2.2) shown in Appendix C using Milstein's method [49]. The initial conditions of model (2.2) and model (5.1) are selected as  $S_h^0(x) = 750000 + 200 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $E_h^0(x) = 150 + 10 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $I_h^0(x) = 10 + 5 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $R_h^0(x) = 0$ ,  $S_m^0(x) = 80000 + 100 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $E_m^0(x) = 100 + 10 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $I_m^0(x) = 10 + 2 \cos \frac{\pi x}{30}$ ,  $x \in (0, 100)$ .

#### 6.1. Disease extinction

We choose parameters  $\beta_h = 0.1$ ,  $\beta_{hh} = 0.001$ ,  $\beta_m = 0.3$ ,  $\alpha_h = 0.1$ ,  $\alpha_m = 0.19$ ,  $\xi_h = 0.14$ ,  $\xi_m = 0.14$ ,  $d_h = 0.000039$ ,  $d_m = 0.03$ ,  $\gamma = 0.14$ ,  $\mu_m = 0.029$ ,  $\theta = 0.001$ ,  $d_1 = 0.012$ ,  $d_2 = d_3 = 0.0002$ ,  $d_4 = d_5 = 0.008$ ,  $d_6 = d_7 = 0.0001$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.59$ . Please refer to Table 1 for other parameter values. Through calculation, conditions (3.2) and (3.3) for the almost surely exponential extinction of Zika disease in Theorem 3.2 are established at this time. Under these parameter values, we draw the evolutions of  $E_h$ ,  $I_h$ ,  $E_m$ , and  $I_m$  as shown in Figure 2. Here, the left is the spatio-temporal graphs, the right is the relevant projection graphs, where the curves of different colors indicate the variations of the population in different regions over time. Obviously, Figure 2 verifies the conclusion of Theorem 3.2.

It can be seen from the above, to make Zika disease almost surely exponentially extinct, on the one hand, the intensities of noise should be higher; on the other hand, the diffusion coefficients of the infected people and mosquitoes should be very small, which can guide us on how to eliminate Zika disease faster.

#### 6.2. The existence of the stationary distribution

In this subsection, the existence of the stationary distribution of system (2.2) will be numerically simulated. We take  $\beta_h = 0.23$ ,  $\beta_{hh} = 0.10$ ,  $\beta_m = 0.33$ ,  $\alpha_h = 0.1$ ,  $\alpha_m = 0.26$ ,  $\xi_h = 0.2$ ,  $\xi_m = 0.1$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 0.1$ ,  $d_1 = 0.6$ ,  $d_2 = 0.6$ ,  $d_3 = 0.55$ ,  $d_4 = 0.58$ ,  $d_5 = 0.3$ ,  $d_6 = 0.3$ ,  $d_7 = 0.25$ , p = 1.01,  $c_i = 0.96$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$ ). Other parameter values are the same as those in Figure 2. At this time, conditions (4.1) and (4.2) in Theorem 4.2 describing the existence of steady-state distribution hold. The trajectories of the solution of system (2.2) are presented in Figures 3 and 4, whose left side is the spatio-temporal graphs and the right side is the corresponding projection graphs, which indicate that the system will achieve a steady state over time *t*. Figures 5 and 6 show the evolutions of the solution of the system when spatial variable x = 10 and their corresponding histograms, from which we can see that the system has a stationary distribution.



**Figure 2.** The spatio-temporal graphs and corresponding projection graphs of  $E_h$ ,  $I_h$ ,  $E_m$ , and  $I_m$  in model (2.2).



**Figure 3.** The spatio-temporal graphs and corresponding projection graphs of  $S_h$ ,  $E_h$ ,  $I_h$ , and  $R_h$  in model (2.2).



Figure 4. The spatio-temporal graphs and corresponding projection graphs of  $S_m$ ,  $E_m$ , and  $I_m$  in model (2.2).

#### 6.3. The impacts of noise and diffusion coefficients on disease

#### 1) The impact of noise on disease

We choose the same parameters as in Figure 2 and take the values of noise as  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.05$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.8$ . Figure 7 describes the variations of  $I_h(t, x)$  and  $I_m(t, x)$  under different noise intensities when x = 10. We can observe that a smaller noise intensity has a slight fluctuation in the number of infected people and mosquitoes, however, as the noise intensity enhances, the number of infected persons and mosquitoes decreases significantly. Therefore, we can consider random noise as a control strategy, such as human treatment and mosquito repellent spraying, to achieve the control of Zika disease.



**Figure 5.** The trajectories of  $S_h(t, 10)$ ,  $E_h(t, 10)$ ,  $I_h(t, 10)$ , and  $R_h(t, 10)$ , as well as the corresponding histograms.



Figure 6. The trajectories of  $S_m(t, 10)$ ,  $E_m(t, 10)$ , and  $I_m(t, 10)$ , as well as the corresponding histograms.

# 2) The impact of diffusion coefficients on disease

We set diffusion intensity 1 to  $d_1 = 0.6$ ,  $d_2 = d_3 = 0.0002$ ,  $d_4 = 0.5$ ,  $d_5 = 0.3$ ,  $d_6 = d_7 = 0.0001$ , diffusion intensity 2 to  $d_1 = 0.6$ ,  $d_2 = d_3 = 0.1$ ,  $d_4 = 0.58$ ,  $d_5 = 0.3$ ,  $d_6 = 0.18$ ,  $d_7 = 0.1$ , diffusion intensity 3 to  $d_1 = d_2 = 0.6$ ,  $d_3 = 0.55$ ,  $d_4 = 0.58$ ,  $d_5 = d_6 = 0.3$ ,  $d_7 = 0.25$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.01$ , and the other parameter values are the same as those in Figure 2. The impacts of different diffusion strengths on infected people and mosquitoes are given in Figure 8, from which we find that with the increasing movement of infected people and mosquitoes, the number of infected people and mosquitoes also increases, indicating that controlling the movement of infected people and mosquitoes can reduce the risk of Zika disease.



Figure 7. The trajectories of  $I_h(t, 10)$  and  $I_m(t, 10)$  under different noise intensities.



Figure 8. The trajectories of  $I_h(t, 10)$  and  $I_m(t, 10)$  under different diffusion intensities.

#### 6.4. Optimal controls

Some numerical results of optimal controls will be presented in this subsection. We choose c = 0.5,  $\alpha = 0.1$ ,  $c_0 = 0.5$  in (5.1),  $a_1 = 0.25$ ,  $a_2 = 0.35$ ,  $a_3 = 0.33$ ,  $b_1 = 0.1$ ,  $b_2 = 0.2$ ,  $b_3 = 0.2$ ,  $c_1 = 44$ ,  $c_2 = 40$ ,  $c_3 = 50$  in (5.2), and  $\mu_i(t, x) = 2.0(i = 1, 2, \dots, 7)$  in (5.4). The remaining parameter values are consistent with those in Figure 2.

Figure 9 shows the space-time diagrams of optimal controls. Figure 10 is the time evolutions of optimal controls when space variable x = 10. From these two figures, we can see that the levels of human control (individual protection  $u_1$  and medical treatment of the infected people  $u_2$ ) are very high in the early and middle stages of the disease, but they are low in the later stages; however, the control level of mosquitoes ( $u_3$ ) has maintained the maximum for a long time, which means that the strength of control for mosquitoes has exceeded that for humans. Figure 11 demonstrates the trajectories of  $I_h(t, x)$  and  $I_m(t, x)$  for x = 10 under the four conditions of no control, only controlling humans, only controlling mosquitoes, and controlling both humans and mosquitoes. We observe that the effects on the disease of implementing three control variables and no control are very significant. In addition, the control variables  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  have great influence on the changes of infected people, but have little influence on infected mosquitoes. However,  $u_3$  has a great impact on both people and mosquitoes. Therefore, to sum up, reducing the number of mosquitoes is the primary factor to control Zika disease and personal protection and treatment of the infected humans are also two indispensable measures.



**Figure 9.** The space-time diagrams of optimal controls  $u_1(t, x)$ ,  $u_2(t, x)$ , and  $u_3(t, x)$ .



**Figure 10.** The trajectories of optimal controls  $u_1(t, 10)$ ,  $u_2(t, 10)$ , and  $u_3(t, 10)$ .



**Figure 11.** The trajectories of  $I_h(t, 10)$  and  $I_m(t, 10)$  with and without control.

#### 7. Conclusions

This paper presents a stochastic Zika disease model with spatial diffusion, which includes humanmosquito transmission, human-human sex transmission, and vertical transmission of mosquitoes, and studies the dynamic behavior and optimal control of the model. Firstly, we give the conditions for almost surely exponential extinction of Zika disease, and the result signifies that the Zika disease will disappear when the diffusion coefficients of infected people and mosquitoes are very small and the fluctuations of environmental noise are relatively large. Secondly, we prove the sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of the steady-state distribution representing the persistence of the disease, and research suggests that when the strengths of environmental noise are low and the diffusion coefficients of humans and mosquitoes are relatively large, Zika disease will continue to exist, which is contrary to the situation of disease extinction. In addition, numerical simulations have shown that increasing the intensity of random noise or decreasing the movement of infected people and mosquitoes can lessen the occurrence of Zika disease. Finally, we take three control variables, namely, individual protection, medical treatment of the infected people, and insecticides for spraying mosquitoes, into the model, and derive the expressions of optimal controls according to the Pontryagin maximum principle. Numerical simulations show that individual protection and treatment of infected persons are very effective for human beings, but reducing the number of mosquitoes is still the most important measure to control Zika.

The experiments demonstrate that the growth, survival, propagation, biting rate, transmission, and infection probability of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are closely related to the temperature, which is an essential factor affecting the dynamics of the spread of mosquito-borne diseases [50]. Thus, incorporating seasonality, establishing a stochastic periodic system, and studying the dynamics and control of Zika disease are our next exploration directions.

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#### **Appendix A: The proof of Theorem 2.1**

*Proof.* Because of the local Lipschitz continuity of the coefficients of system (2.2), for any given initial function  $(S_h^0(x), E_h^0(x), I_h^0(x), R_h^0(x), S_m^0(x), E_m^0(x), I_m^0(x)) \in \mathcal{H}^+$ , there is a unique local solution  $(S_h(t, x), E_h(t, x), I_h(t, x), R_h(t, x), S_m(t, x), E_m(t, x), I_m(t, x))$  in  $t \in [0, \tau_e), x \in Q$ , here  $\tau_e$  is the moment of explosion. To validate the local solution is also global, we only need to prove that  $\tau_e = \infty a.s.$  Let  $k_0$  be large enough such that every component of  $(|S_h^0(x)|_Q, |E_h^0(x)|_Q, |R_h^0(x)|_Q, |S_m^0(x)|_Q, |E_m^0(x)|_Q, |I_m^0(x)|_Q)$  is in the interval  $(\frac{1}{k_0}, k_0]$ . Then for every integer  $k \ge k_0$ , define a stopping time

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{k} &= \inf\{t \in [0, \tau_{e}) |\min\{|S_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |E_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |I_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |R_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |S_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}, |E_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}, |I_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k} \text{ or } \max\{|S_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |E_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |I_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |R_{h}(t, x)|_{Q}, |S_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}, |E_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}, |I_{m}(t, x)|_{Q}\} \geq k\}. \end{aligned}$$

We set  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$  ( $\emptyset$  denotes the empty set usually) throughout this paper. Apparently,  $\tau_k$  is increasing constantly as  $k \to \infty$ . Let  $\tau_{\infty} = \lim_{k\to\infty} \tau_k$ , accordingly  $\tau_{\infty} \le \tau_e \ a.s.$  As long as we can verify that  $\tau_{\infty} = \infty \ a.s.$ , then  $\tau_e = \infty \ a.s.$  This means that  $(S_h(t, x), E_h(t, x), I_h(t, x), S_m(t, x), E_m(t, x), I_m(t, x)) \in \mathcal{H}^+ a.s.$  for all  $t \ge 0$ . Before showing that  $\tau_{\infty} = \infty \ a.s.$ , let us prove the boundedness of solution for every k when  $t \in [0, \tau_k)$ .

Let

$$N(t) := \int_{Q} \{S_{h}(t, x) + E_{h}(t, x) + I_{h}(t, x) + R_{h}(t, x) + S_{m}(t, x) + E_{m}(t, x) + I_{m}(t, x)\}dx,$$

then

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt}N(t) \\ &= \int_{Q} \Big\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} S_{h}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} E_{h}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I_{h}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} R_{h}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} S_{m}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} E_{m}(t,x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I_{m}(t,x) \Big\} dx \\ &= \int_{Q} \Big\{ d_{1}\Delta S_{h}(t,x) + d_{2}\Delta E_{h}(t,x) + d_{3}\Delta I_{h}(t,x) + d_{4}\Delta R_{h}(t,x) + d_{5}\Delta S_{m}(t,x) + d_{6}\Delta E_{m}(t,x) \\ &+ d_{7}\Delta I_{m}(t,x) + \Lambda_{h} - d_{h}(S_{h}(t,x) + E_{h}(t,x) + I_{h}(t,x) + R_{h}(t,x)) + \Lambda_{m} - d_{m}(S_{m}(t,x) \\ &+ E_{m}(t,x) + I_{m}(t,x)) + \sigma_{1}S_{h}\dot{B}_{1}(t) + \sigma_{1}E_{h}\dot{B}_{1}(t) + \sigma_{1}I_{h}\dot{B}_{1}(t) + \sigma_{1}R_{h}\dot{B}_{1}(t) \\ &+ \sigma_{2}S_{m}\dot{B}_{2}(t) + \sigma_{2}E_{m}\dot{B}_{2}(t) + \sigma_{2}I_{m}\dot{B}_{2}(t) \Big\} dx \\ &= d_{1}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}S_{h}(t,x)dx + d_{2}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}E_{h}(t,x)dx + d_{3}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}I_{h}(t,x)dx + d_{4}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}R_{h}(t,x)dx \\ &+ d_{5}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}S_{m}(t,x)dx + d_{6}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}E_{m}(t,x)dx + d_{7}\int_{\partial Q}\frac{\partial}{\partial n}I_{m}(t,x)dx + \int_{Q}(\Lambda_{h} + \Lambda_{m})dx \\ &+ \int_{Q}(-d_{h}(S_{h}(t,x) + E_{h}(t,x) + I_{h}(t,x) + R_{h}(t,x)) - d_{m}(S_{m}(t,x) + E_{m}(t,x) + I_{m}(t,x)))dx \\ &+ \int_{Q}\sigma_{1}(S_{h}(t,x) + E_{h}(t,x) + I_{h}(t,x) + R_{h}(t,x))\dot{B}_{1}(t)dx \\ &+ \int_{Q}\sigma_{2}(S_{m}(t,x) + E_{m}(t,x) + I_{m}(t,x))\dot{B}_{2}(t)dx \end{split}$$

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here |Q| stands for the volume of Q,  $v = d_h \wedge d_m$ .

Consider the following SDE

$$\begin{cases} dZ(t) = [(\Lambda_h + \Lambda_m)|Q| - \nu Z(t)]dt + \int_Q \sigma_1(S_h(t, x) + E_h(t, x) + I_h(t, x) + R_h(t, x))dxdB_1(t) \\ + \int_Q \sigma_2(S_m(t, x) + E_m(t, x) + I_m(t, x))dxdB_2(t), \end{cases}$$
(A.1)  
$$Z(0) = N(0).$$

By the constant variation method, the solution of equation (A.1) can be obtained as

$$Z(t) = \frac{(\Lambda_h + \Lambda_m)|Q|}{\nu} + (Z(0) - \frac{(\Lambda_h + \Lambda_m)|Q|}{\nu})e^{-\nu t} + M(t),$$

where  $M(t) = \int_0^t e^{-\nu(t-s)} \int_Q \sigma_1(S_h(s, x) + E_h(s, x) + I_h(s, x) + R_h(s, x)) dx dB_1(s) + \int_0^t e^{-\nu(t-s)} \int_Q \sigma_2(S_m(s, x) + E_m(s, x) + I_m(s, x)) dx dB_2(s)$  is a continuous local martingale with M(0) = 0 a.s. Combining the stochastic comparison theorem, we can get that there is a constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that  $N(t) \le Z(t) \le C_0$  a.s. That is, for each k, when  $t \in [0, \tau_k)$ ,

$$\int_{Q} \{S_{h}(t,x) + E_{h}(t,x) + I_{h}(t,x) + R_{h}(t,x) + S_{m}(t,x) + E_{m}(t,x) + I_{m}(t,x)\}dx \le C_{0} \quad a.s.$$
(A.2)

Next, we continue to prove that  $\tau_{\infty} = \infty$  *a.s.* For any T > 0, define  $V(t) = \langle S_h, S_h \rangle + \langle E_h, E_h \rangle + \langle I_h, I_h \rangle + \langle R_h, R_h \rangle + \langle S_m, S_m \rangle + \langle E_m, E_m \rangle + \langle I_m, I_m \rangle$ ,  $t \in [0, \tau_k \wedge T)$ . Using the *Itô* formula, we have

$$\begin{split} dV(t) =& d\langle S_h, S_h \rangle + d\langle E_h, E_h \rangle + d\langle I_h, I_h \rangle + d\langle R_h, R_h \rangle + d\langle S_m, S_m \rangle + d\langle E_m, E_m \rangle + d\langle I_m, I_m \rangle \\ =& [2\langle S_h, d_1 \Delta S_h + \Lambda_h - \lambda_{mh}(t, x) S_h - \lambda_{hh}(t, x) S_h - d_h S_h \rangle + \sigma_1^2 ||S_h||^2] dt + 2\langle S_h, \sigma_1 S_h \rangle dB_1(t) \\ &+ [2\langle E_h, d_2 \Delta E_h + \lambda_{mh}(t, x) S_h + \lambda_{hh}(t, x) S_h - (\xi_h + d_h) E_h \rangle + \sigma_1^2 ||E_h||^2] dt + 2\langle E_h, \sigma_1 E_h \rangle dB_1(t) \\ &+ [2\langle I_h, d_3 \Delta I_h + \xi_h E_h - (\gamma + d_h) I_h \rangle + \sigma_1^2 ||I_h||^2] dt + 2\langle I_h, \sigma_1 I_h \rangle dB_1(t) \\ &+ [2\langle R_h, d_4 \Delta R_h + \gamma I_h - d_h R_h \rangle + \sigma_1^2 ||R_h||^2] dt + 2\langle R_h, \sigma_1 R_h \rangle dB_1(t) \\ &+ [2\langle S_m, d_5 \Delta S_m + \Lambda_m - \theta \mu_m(kE_m + I_m) - \lambda_{hm}(t, x) S_m - d_m S_m \rangle + \sigma_2^2 ||S_m||^2] dt \\ &+ [2\langle I_m, d_7 \Delta I_m + \xi_m E_m - d_m I_m \rangle + \sigma_2^2 ||I_m||^2] dt + 2\langle S_m, \sigma_2 S_m \rangle dB_2(t) \\ &+ 2\langle E_m, \sigma_2 E_m \rangle dB_2(t) + 2\langle I_m, \sigma_2 I_m \rangle dB_2(t). \end{split}$$

Integrating the two ends of the above equation from 0 to  $\tau_k \wedge T$ , taking the expectation, and using (A.2) and the fundamental inequality, yield

$$\mathbb{E}V(\tau_k \wedge T) - V(0))$$

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$$\leq 2\mathbb{E} \int_{0}^{\tau_{k}\wedge T} \left[ d_{1}\langle S_{h}, \Delta S_{h} \rangle + \langle S_{h}, \Lambda_{h} \rangle + d_{2}\langle E_{h}, \Delta E_{h} \rangle + \langle E_{h}, \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_{h} \rangle + \langle E_{h}, \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_{h} \rangle + d_{3}\langle I_{h}, \Delta I_{h} \rangle + \xi_{h}\langle I_{h}, E_{h} \rangle + d_{4}\langle R_{h}, \Delta R_{h} \rangle + \gamma\langle R_{h}, \Delta I_{h} \rangle + d_{5}\langle S_{m}, \Delta S_{m} \rangle + \langle S_{m}, \Lambda_{m} \rangle \\ + d_{6}\langle E_{m}, \Delta E_{m} \rangle + \theta\mu_{m}\langle E_{m}, \Delta kE_{m} + I_{m} \rangle + \langle E_{m}, \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_{m} \rangle + d_{7}\langle I_{m}, \Delta I_{m} \rangle + \xi_{m}\langle I_{m}, E_{m} \rangle \\ + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||S_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||E_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||I_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||R_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||S_{m}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||E_{m}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||I_{m}||^{2} \right] dt \\ \leq 2\mathbb{E} \int_{0}^{\tau_{k}\wedge T} \left[ -d_{1}||\nabla S_{h}||_{*}^{2} + C\Lambda_{h} - d_{2}||\nabla E_{h}||_{*}^{2} + \alpha_{m}\beta_{h}(2||E_{h}||^{2} + ||E_{m}||^{2} + ||I_{m}||^{2}) + 2\beta_{hh}||E_{h}||^{2} \\ + \beta_{hh}||I_{h}||^{2} - d_{3}||\nabla I_{h}||_{*}^{2} + \xi_{h}||E_{h}||^{2} + \xi_{h}||I_{h}||^{2} - d_{4}||\nabla R_{h}||_{*}^{2} + \gamma||R_{h}||^{2} + \gamma||I_{h}||^{2} - d_{5}||\nabla S_{m}||_{*}^{2} \\ + C\Lambda_{m} - d_{6}||\nabla E_{m}||_{*}^{2} + 2\theta\mu_{m}||E_{m}||^{2} + \theta\mu_{m}||I_{m}||^{2} + \alpha_{h}\beta_{m}(2||E_{m}||^{2} + ||E_{h}||^{2} + ||I_{h}||^{2}) - d_{7}||\nabla I_{m}||_{*}^{2} \\ + \xi_{m}||I_{m}||^{2} + \xi_{m}||E_{m}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||S_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||E_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}||I_{h}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||S_{m}||^{2} \\ + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||E_{m}||^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}||I_{m}||^{2} \right] dt.$$

Thereby,

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}V(\tau_{k}\wedge T)\\ \leq &V(0)+2C(\Lambda_{h}+\Lambda_{m})T+\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{\tau_{k}\wedge T}\left[\sigma_{1}^{2}||S_{h}||^{2}+(4\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}+4\beta_{hh}+2\xi_{h}+2\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}+\sigma_{1}^{2})||E_{h}||^{2}\\ &+(2\beta_{hh}+2\xi_{h}+2\gamma+2\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}+\sigma_{1}^{2})||I_{h}||^{2}+(2\gamma+\sigma_{1}^{2})||R_{h}||^{2}+\sigma_{2}^{2}||S_{m}||^{2}+(2\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}+4\theta\mu_{m}+4\alpha_{h}\beta_{m}+2\xi_{m}+\sigma_{2}^{2})||E_{m}||^{2}+(2\alpha_{m}\beta_{h}+2\theta\mu_{m}+2\xi_{m}+\sigma_{2}^{2})||I_{m}||^{2}\right]dt\\ \leq &C_{1}+C_{2}\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{\tau_{k}\wedge T}(||S_{h}||^{2}+||E_{h}||^{2}+||I_{h}||^{2}+||R_{h}||^{2}+||S_{m}||^{2}+||E_{m}||^{2}+||I_{m}||^{2})dt\\ =&C_{1}+C_{2}\int_{0}^{T}\mathbb{E}V(\tau_{k}\wedge t)dt, \end{split}$$

where

$$\begin{split} C_1 &= V(0) + 2C(\Lambda_h + \Lambda_m)T \\ &= \|S_h^0\|^2 + \|E_h^0\|^2 + \|I_h^0\|^2 + \|R_h^0\|^2 + \|S_m^0\|^2 + \|E_m^0\|^2 + \|I_m^0\|^2 + 2C(\Lambda_h + \Lambda_m)T, \\ C_2 &= \max\{4\alpha_m\beta_h + 4\beta_{hh} + 2\xi_h + 2\alpha_h\beta_m + \sigma_1^2, \ 2\beta_{hh} + 2\xi_h + 2\gamma + 2\alpha_h\beta_m + \sigma_1^2, \\ 2\alpha_m\beta_h + 4\theta\mu_m + 4\alpha_h\beta_m + 2\xi_m + \sigma_2^2\}. \end{split}$$

By taking advantage of the Gronwall inequality, we get

$$\mathbb{E}V(\tau_k \wedge T) \le C_1 e^{C_2 T}.$$
(A.3)

Denote  $\varrho_k = \inf_{\|X(t,x)\| \ge k, 0 \le t \le \infty} V(t)$  for  $k \ge k_0$ . Obviously,  $\varrho_k \to \infty$   $(k \to \infty)$ . Combine (A.3) to get  $C_1 e^{C_2 T} \ge \mathbb{E} V(\tau_k \wedge T) = \mathbb{E} [V(\tau_k) \chi_{\{\tau_k \le T\}}] \ge \varrho_k \mathbb{P}(\tau_k \le T)$ . Setting  $k \to \infty$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(\tau_k \le T) = 0$ . Thence  $\mathbb{P}(\tau_\infty > T) = 1$ . The proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

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#### **Appendix B: The proof of Theorem 2.2**

*Proof.* Define  $V(t) = ||S_h(t, x)||^p + ||E_h(t, x)||^p + ||I_h(t, x)||^p + ||R_h(t, x)||^p + ||S_m(t, x)||^p + ||E_m(t, x)||^p + ||I_m(t, x)||^p$ . First, consider  $p \ge 2$ . Making use of the *Itô* formula, we obtain

$$\begin{split} dV(t) = &(p||S_h||^{p-2} \langle S_h, d_1 \Delta S_h + \Lambda_h - \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_h - \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_h - d_hS_h \rangle \\ &+ p||E_h||^{p-2} \langle E_h, d_2 \Delta E_h + \lambda_{mh}(t, x)S_h + \lambda_{hh}(t, x)S_h - (\xi_h + d_h)E_h \rangle \\ &+ p||I_h||^{p-2} \langle I_h, d_3 \Delta I_h + \xi_h E_h - (\gamma + d_h)I_h \rangle + p||R_h||^{p-2} \langle R_h, d_4 \Delta R_h + \gamma I_h - d_h R_h \rangle \\ &+ p||S_m||^{p-2} \langle S_m, d_5 \Delta S_m + \Lambda_m - \theta \mu_m(kE_m + I_m) - \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_m - d_m S_m \rangle \\ &+ p||E_m||^{p-2} \langle E_m, d_6 \Delta E_m + \theta \mu_m(kE_m + I_m) + \lambda_{hm}(t, x)S_m - (\xi_m + d_m)E_m \rangle \\ &+ p||I_m||^{p-2} \langle I_m, d_7 \Delta I_m + \xi_m E_m - d_m I_m \rangle + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_1^2(||S_h||^p + ||E_h||^p + ||I_h||^p + ||R_h||^p) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_2^2(||S_m||^p + ||E_m||^p + ||I_m||^p))dt + p\sigma_1(||S_h||^p + ||E_h||^p + ||I_h||^p + ||R_h||^p)dB_1(t) \\ &+ p\sigma_2(||S_m||^p + ||E_m||^p + ||I_m||^p)dB_2(t). \end{split}$$

Integrating the two sides of the above equation and taking the supremum and expectation, we can get

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left( \|S_{h}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{h}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{h}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|R_{h}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|S_{m}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{m}(t,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{m}(t,x)\|^{p} \right) \\ & \le \mathbb{E}(\|S_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|E_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|I_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|R_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|S_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|E_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p} + \|I_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p}) \\ & + \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \int_{0}^{t} \left[ p\|S_{h}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle S_{h}, \Lambda_{h} \rangle + p\|E_{h}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle E_{h}, \lambda_{mh}(s,x)S_{h} + \lambda_{hh}(s,x)S_{h} \rangle \\ & + p\|I_{h}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle I_{h}, \xi_{h}E_{h} \rangle + p\|R_{h}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle R_{h}, \gamma I_{h} \rangle + p\|S_{m}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle S_{m}, \Lambda_{m} \rangle \\ & + p\|E_{m}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle E_{m}, \theta\mu_{m}(kE_{m} + I_{m}) + \lambda_{hm}(s,x)S_{m} \rangle + p\|I_{m}(s,x)\|^{p-2} \langle S_{m}, \Lambda_{m} \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2}(\|S_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|R_{h}(s,x)\|^{p}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2}(\|S_{m}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{m}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{m}(s,x)\|^{p}) dS \\ & + \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left| \int_{0}^{t} p\sigma_{1}(\|S_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{m}(s,x)\|^{p}) dB_{1}(s) \right| \\ & + \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left| \int_{0}^{t} p\sigma_{2}(\|S_{m}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|E_{m}(s,x)\|^{p} + \|I_{m}(s,x)\|^{p}) dB_{2}(s) \right|. \end{split}$$

Using the Young inequality as well as the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality, we can further see that

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{E}\sup_{0\leq t\leq T}\left(\|S_{h}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|E_{h}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|I_{h}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|R_{h}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|S_{m}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|E_{m}(t,x)\|^{p}+\|I_{m}(t,x)\|^{p}\right)\\ &\leq \mathbb{E}(\|S_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|E_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|I_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|R_{h}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|S_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|E_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p}+\|I_{m}^{0}(x)\|^{p})\\ &+\mathbb{E}\sup_{0\leq t\leq T}\int_{0}^{t}\left[\Lambda_{h}^{p}|Q|^{\frac{p}{2}}+\Lambda_{m}^{p}|Q|^{\frac{p}{2}}+(p-1+\beta_{hh}^{p}+\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})\|S_{h}(s,x)\|^{p}+(3(p-1)+\beta_{hh}^{p}+\beta_{hh}^{p}+\alpha_{h}^{p}\beta_{m}^{p}k_{m}^{p}+\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})\|E_{h}(s,x)\|^{p}+(p-1+\gamma^{p}+\alpha_{h}^{p}\beta_{m}^{p}+\frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2})\|I_{h}(s,x)\|^{p} \end{split}$$

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$$+ (p - 1 + \frac{1}{2}p(p - 1)\sigma_{1}^{2})||R_{h}(s, x)||^{p} + (p - 1 + \frac{1}{2}p(p - 1)\sigma_{2}^{2})||S_{m}(s, x)||^{p} + (\alpha_{m}^{p}\beta_{h}^{p}k_{h}^{p} + p\theta\mu_{m}k + 3(p - 1) + \xi_{m}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}p(p - 1)\sigma_{2}^{2})||E_{m}(s, x)||^{p} + (\alpha_{m}^{p}\beta_{h}^{p} + \theta^{p}\mu_{m}^{p} + p - 1 + \frac{1}{2}p(p - 1)\sigma_{2}^{2})||I_{m}(s, x)||^{p} \Big] ds \\ + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}\sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left( ||S_{h}(t, x)||^{p} + ||E_{h}(t, x)||^{p} + ||I_{h}(t, x)||^{p} + ||R_{h}(t, x)||^{p} + ||S_{m}(t, x)||^{p} + ||E_{m}(t, x)||^{p} \right) \\ + ||I_{m}(t, x)||^{p} \right) + 16p^{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}\mathbb{E}\sup_{0 \le t \le T} \int_{0}^{t} (||S_{h}(s, x)||^{p} + ||E_{h}(s, x)||^{p} + ||I_{h}(s, x)||^{p} + ||R_{h}(s, x)||^{p}) ds \\ + 16p^{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}\mathbb{E}\sup_{0 \le t \le T} \int_{0}^{t} (||S_{m}(s, x)||^{p} + ||E_{m}(s, x)||^{p} + ||I_{m}(s, x)||^{p}) ds.$$

#### After organizing, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left( \|S_h(t,x)\|^p + \|E_h(t,x)\|^p + \|I_h(t,x)\|^p + \|R_h(t,x)\|^p + \|S_m(t,x)\|^p + \|E_m(t,x)\|^p + \|I_m(t,x)\|^p \right)$$
  
$$\le C_3 + \mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \int_0^t 2C_4 (\|S_h(s,x)\|^p + \|E_h(s,x)\|^p + \|I_h(s,x)\|^p + \|R_h(s,x)\|^p + \|S_m(s,x)\|^p + \|E_m(s,x)\|^p + \|I_m(s,x)\|^p + \|I_m(s,x)\|^p$$

where

$$\begin{split} C_{3} &= 2\mathbb{E}(||S_{h}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||E_{h}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||I_{h}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||R_{h}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||S_{m}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||E_{m}^{0}(x)||^{p} + ||I_{m}^{0}(x)||^{p}) \\ &+ 2(\Lambda_{h}^{p} + \Lambda_{m}^{p})|Q|^{\frac{p}{2}}T, \\ C_{4} &= \max\{p-1+\beta_{hh}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + 16p^{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}, \ 3(p-1) + \xi_{h}^{p} + \alpha_{h}^{p}\beta_{m}^{p}k_{m}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + 16p^{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}, \\ &p-1+\gamma^{p} + \alpha_{h}^{p}\beta_{m}^{p} + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{1}^{2} + 16p^{2}\sigma_{1}^{2}, \ \alpha_{m}^{p}\beta_{h}^{p}k_{h}^{p} + p\theta\mu_{m}k + 3(p-1) + \xi_{m}^{p} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2} + 16p^{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}, \ \alpha_{m}^{p}\beta_{h}^{p} + \theta^{p}\mu_{m}^{p} + p - 1 + \frac{1}{2}p(p-1)\sigma_{2}^{2} + 16p^{2}\sigma_{2}^{2}\}. \end{split}$$

The Gronwall inequality implies

 $\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left( \|S_h(t, x)\|^p + \|E_h(t, x)\|^p + \|I_h(t, x)\|^p + \|R_h(t, x)\|^p + \|S_m(t, x)\|^p + \|E_m(t, x)\|^p + \|I_m(t, x)\|^p \right) \\ \le C_3 \exp\{2C_4T\} := C_5(p).$ 

Next suppose 0 . By the Hölder inequality, we have

 $\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left( \|S_h(t,x)\|^p + \|E_h(t,x)\|^p + \|I_h(t,x)\|^p + \|R_h(t,x)\|^p + \|S_m(t,x)\|^p + \|E_m(t,x)\|^p + \|I_m(t,x)\|^p \right)$ 

 $\leq (\mathbb{E}|\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (||S_h(t,x)||^p + ||E_h(t,x)||^p + ||I_h(t,x)||^p + ||R_h(t,x)||^p + ||S_m(t,x)||^p + ||E_m(t,x)||^p + ||I_m(t,x)||^p)|^{\frac{2}{p}})^{\frac{p}{2}}$ 

 $= (\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} (||S_{h}(t,x)||^{p} + ||E_{h}(t,x)||^{p} + ||I_{h}(t,x)||^{p} + ||R_{h}(t,x)||^{p} + ||S_{m}(t,x)||^{p} + ||E_{m}(t,x)||^{p} + ||I_{m}(t,x)||^{p})^{\frac{2}{p}})^{\frac{p}{2}}$   $\leq (\mathbb{E} \sup_{0 \le t \le T} 7^{\frac{2-p}{p}} (||S_{h}(t,x)||^{2} + ||E_{h}(t,x)||^{2} + ||I_{h}(t,x)||^{2} + ||R_{h}(t,x)||^{2} + ||S_{m}(t,x)||^{2} + ||E_{m}(t,x)||^{2} + ||I_{m}(t,x)||^{2}))^{\frac{p}{2}}$   $\leq (7^{\frac{p}{p}-1}C_{5}(2))^{\frac{p}{2}} := C_{6},$ 

here the second inequality sign makes use of the fundamental inequality  $|x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_7|^r \le 7^{r-1}(|x_1|^r + |x_2|^r + \cdots + |x_7|^r), \forall r > 1$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

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# Appendix C: The discrete form of model (2.2)

The discrete version of model (2.2) is as follows

$$\begin{cases} S_{h(i+1,j)} = S_{h(i,j)} + \left[ d_1 \frac{S_{h(i,j+1)} - 2S_{h(i,j)} + S_{h(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \Delta_h - \lambda_{mh(i,j)} S_{h(i,j)} - \lambda_{hh(i,j)} S_{h(i,j)} - \lambda_{hh(i,j)} S_{h(i,j)} \right] \\ - d_h S_{h(i,j)} \right] \Delta t + \sigma_1 S_{h(i,j)} \zeta_{1i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 S_{h(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{1i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ E_{h(i+1,j)} = E_{h(i,j)} + \left[ d_2 \frac{E_{h(i,j+1)} - 2E_{h(i,j)} + E_{h(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \lambda_{mh(i,j)} S_{h(i,j)} + \lambda_{hh(i,j)} S_{h(i,j)} - (\xi_h + d_h) E_{h(i,j)} \right] \Delta t + \sigma_1 E_{h(i,j)} \zeta_{1i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 E_{h(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{1i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ R_{h(i+1,j)} = I_{h(i,j)} + \left[ d_3 \frac{I_{h(i,j+1)} - 2I_{h(i,j)} + I_{h(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \xi_h E_{h(i,j)} - (\gamma + d_h) I_{h(i,j)} \right] \Delta t \\ + \sigma_1 I_{h(i,j)} \zeta_{1i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 I_{h(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{1i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ R_{h(i+1,j)} = R_{h(i,j)} + \left[ d_4 \frac{R_{h(i,j+1)} - 2R_{h(i,j)} + R_{h(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \gamma I_{h(i,j)} - d_h R_{h(i,j)} \right] \Delta t \\ + \sigma_1 R_{h(i,j)} \zeta_{1i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 R_{h(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{1i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ S_{m(i+1,j)} = S_{m(i,j)} + \left[ d_5 \frac{S_{m(i,j+1)} - 2S_{m(i,j)} + S_{m(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \Delta_m - \theta \mu_m (k E_{m(i,j)} + I_{m(i,j)}) \\ - \lambda_{hm(i,j)} S_{m(i,j)} - d_m S_{m(i,j)} \right] \Delta t + \sigma_2 S_{m(i,j)} \zeta_{2i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 S_{m(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{2i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ E_{m(i+1,j)} = E_{m(i,j)} + \left[ d_6 \frac{E_{m(i,j+1)} - 2E_{m(i,j)} + E_{m(i,j-1)}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \theta \mu_m (k E_{m(i,j)} + I_{m(i,j)}) \\ + \lambda_{hm(i,j)} S_{m(i,j)} - (\xi_m + d_m) E_{m(i,j)} \right] \Delta t + \sigma_2 E_{m(i,j)} \zeta_{2i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 E_{m(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{2i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ I_{m(i+1,j)} = I_{m(i,j)} + \left[ d_7 \frac{I_{m(i,j+1)} - 2I_{m(i,j)} + I_{m(i,j-1)}}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \xi_m E_{m(i,j)} - d_m I_{m(i,j)} \right] \Delta t \\ + \sigma_2 I_{m(i,j)} \zeta_{2i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 I_{m(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{2i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ I_{m(i+1,j)} = I_{m(i,j)} + \left[ d_7 \frac{I_{m(i,j+1)} - 2I_{m(i,j)} + I_{m(i,j-1)}}}{(\Delta x)^2} + \xi_m E_{m(i,j)} - d_m I_{m(i,j)} \right] \Delta t \\ + \sigma_2 I_{m(i,j)} \zeta_{2i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 I_{m(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{2i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ I_{m(i+1,j)} = I_{m(i,j)} \xi_{2i} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 I_{m(i,j)}^2 (\zeta_{2i}^2 - 1) \Delta t, \\ I_{m(i+1,j)} = I_{m(i,j)}$$

where  $\zeta_{1i}, \zeta_{2i}$  (*i* = 1, 2, · · · ) are independent standard normal variables.



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