



On the Stability of Some Fractional Dynamical Models Related to Tumor Cancer Evaluation

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ABSTRACT

In this article, we present a general fractional dynamical system related to cancer tumor. The considered model describes tumor – immune cell interactions using a system of fractional order differential equations. The conditions for global stability of cancer free state are studied, for the age therapy fractional model. In order to stabilize or completely eliminate the cancer, we suggest suitable choices of functions and parameters in our fractional model.

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1. Introduction

The fractional derivative describes the effect of hereditary and memory properties, [1-5], consequently many biological problems, when describes in terms of differential equations of non-integer orders, provide a more accurate description of reality. Many mathematical models have been applied in cancer growth with chemotherapy. The chemotherapy has damaging side effects, so it is better to investigate fractional mathematical models to get best results.

Let us use the following notations, $T(t)$, tumor cell population at time t , $N(t)$, total level of natural killer, (NK), cell effectiveness at time t and $L(t)$ total level of tumor – specific $CD 8^+$ T cell effectiveness at time t . As a main step to exploring the use of gene therapy on the tumor - immune interaction during cancer, we will consider a fractional mathematical model with the goal of predicting optimal combinations of approaches leading to clearance of tumors. The fractional version of the mathematical model of Lisette G. de Pillis and Kuznetsova, [6-9], is given by:

$$D^\alpha T(t) = r(t)T(t) [1 - aT(t)]$$

$$- \frac{b(t)N(t)T(t)}{b_1 + T(t)} - F(t),$$

(1.1)

Where, $T(t) \in [0, a^{-1}]$, for all $t \geq 0$,

$$D^\alpha N(t) = \sigma - c_1 N(t) + \frac{b_2 T^2(t)}{c_2 + T^2(t)} N(t)$$

$$- c_3 N(t) T(t),$$

(1.2)

$$D^\alpha L(t) = -C_4 L(t) + \frac{c_5 F^2(t)}{k + F^2(t)} L(t) - C_6 L(t) T(t) + C_7 N(t) T(t)$$

(1.3)

Where

$$F(t) = \gamma \frac{(L/T)^k}{s + (L/T)^k} T,$$

(1.4)

$D^\alpha = \frac{d^\alpha}{dt^\alpha}$ is the fractional derivative of order α , with respect to t , $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

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If for suitable functions $E_1(t)$ and $E_2(t)$, we have

$$D^\alpha E_1(t) = E_2(t),$$

Then

$$E_1(t) - E_1(0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} E_2(s) ds,$$

Where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the gamma function. According to previous results, [10-21], the solution of the fractional integral system:

$$u(t) = u(t_0) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} [Au(s) + f(s, u(s))] ds,$$

is given by

$$u(t) = \int_0^\infty \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{-A\theta(t-t_0)^\alpha} u(t_0) d\theta + \int_{t_0}^t \int_0^\infty \alpha \theta (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{-A\theta(t-\eta)^\alpha} f(\eta, u(\eta)) d\theta d\eta$$

Where u and f are column vectors of n functions,

A is a square matrix of order n , whose elements are real numbers and $\zeta(\theta)$ is a probability density function defined on $[0, \infty]$, whose Laplace transform is given by

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-p\theta} \zeta(\theta) d\theta = E_\alpha(-p),$$

Where $E_\alpha(p) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{p^j}{\Gamma(\alpha j + 1)}$ is the Mittag-Leffler function,

$t \geq t_0 \geq 0$.

In section 2, we define the parameters of the considered model, their values as well as their ranges of variations are given in tables 1-4. They are based on previously published data, [6,22,23], estimated according to different patients.

In section 3, we shall derive some estimates. We shall find also condition for global stability of cancer free state.

2. Parameters of the model

Table 1. Parameters of equation (1.1).

Parameters	Units	Definitions	Estimated Values
$r(t)$	0.18 1/Time	Cancer growth term	$[10^{-1}, 2]$
a	10^{-9} 1/cells	Cancer cell capacity logistic growth	10^{-9}
$b(t)$	1 1/time	Cancer cell clearance term	$[10^{-2}, 10^2]$
b_1	10^5 cells	Half- saturation for cancer cells	10^5

Table 2. Parameters of equation (1.2).

Parameters	Units	Definitions	Estimated Values
σ	1/Cell 1/Day	Constant source of effector cells	1.3×10^4
c_1	1/Day	Death rate of effector cells	4.12×10^{-2}
b_2	1/Day	Maximum effector cells recruitment rate by tumor cell	2.5×10^{-2}
c	2 Cell	Steepness coefficient of the NK cell recruitment curve	-1 2×10
c_3	1/Cell 1/Day	Effector cell inactivation term by tumor cells	1×10^{-7}

Table 3. Parameters of equation (1.3).

Parameters	Units	Definitions	Estimated Values
c_4	1/Day	Death rate of $CD 8^+$ T cells	2×10^{-2}
c_5	1/Day	Maximum $CD 8^+$ T – cell recruitment rate	$3-75 \times 10^{-2}$
c_6	1/Cell 1/Day	$CD 8^+$ T – cell inactivation rate by tumor cell	3.42×10^{-10}
c_7	1/Cell 1/Day	Rate at which Tumor – specific $CD 8^+$ T – cells are stimulated to be produced to be result of tumor cells killed by NK cells	1.1×10^{-7}
k	Cell ²	Steepness coefficients of $CD 8^+$ T – cell	2×10^7

Table 4. Parameters of equation (1.4).

Parameters	Units	Definitions	Estimated Values
γ	1/Day	Saturation level of fractional tumor cell killed by CD 8 ⁺ T - cell	5.80
λ	None	Exponent of fractional tumor cell killed by CD 8 ⁺ T - cells	1.36
s	None	Steepness coefficient of the tumor CD 8 ⁺ T - cell competition term	2.5×10^{-1}

3. Estimations and stability

Theorem 3.1. The total level of (NK) satisfies the following inequalities:

$$N(t) \leq \left[N(t_0) - \frac{\sigma}{a_1} \right] E_{\alpha}(-a_1(t-t_0)^{\alpha}) + \frac{\sigma}{a_1}, \quad (3.1)$$

For all

$$t \geq t_0 > 0, \text{ where } a_1 = c_1 - b_2 = 1.62 \times 10^{-2},$$

$$N(t) \geq \left[N(t_0) - \frac{\sigma}{a_2} \right] E_{\alpha}(-a_2(t-t_0)^{\alpha}) + \frac{\sigma}{a_2}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\text{for all } t \geq t_0 > 0, \text{ where } a_2 = c_1 + c_3 a^{-1} = 6.12 \times 10^{-2}.$$

Proof. from equation (1.2)

and the data of table 2, we can write

$$D^{\alpha} N(t) \leq \sigma - a_1 N(t).$$

Thus from (1.6), one gets

$$N(t) \leq N(t_0) E_{\alpha}(-a_1(t-t_0)^{\alpha}) + \frac{\sigma}{a_1} [1 - E_{\alpha}(-a_1(t-t_0)^{\alpha})],$$

for all $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$.

Corollary. If $\alpha = 1$, we get:

$$N(t) \leq \left[N(t_0) - \frac{\sigma}{a_1} \right] \exp(-a_1(t-t_0)) + \frac{\sigma}{a_1},$$

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for all $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$.

Theorem 3.2. The total level L(t) of tumor specific CD 8⁺ T- cell satisfies

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for all $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$, the following inequalities

$$L(t) \leq L(t_0) E_{\alpha}(a_3(t-t_0)^{\alpha})$$

$$+ c_7 a^{-1} \int_{t_0}^t (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} N(\eta) E_{\alpha,\alpha}(a_3(t-\eta)^{\alpha}) d\eta, \quad (3.3)$$

$$L(t) \geq L(t_0) E_{\alpha}(-a_4(t-t_0)^{\alpha})$$

$$+ c_7 \int_{t_0}^t (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha,\alpha}(-a_4(t-\eta)^{\alpha}) N(\eta) T(\eta) d\eta, \quad (3.4)$$

Where

$$a_3 = c_5 - c_4 = 1 - 75 \times 10^{-2}, \quad a_4 = c_4 + c_6 a^{-1} = 5.42 \times 10^{-2},$$

$E_{\alpha,\beta}(t)$ is the generalized Mittag-Leffler function, defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}.$$

Proof. From (1.3) and the data of table 3, we get

$$D^\alpha L(t) \leq a_3 L(t) + c_7 N(t) T(t). \quad (3.5)$$

From (1.6) and (3.5), we get

$$L(t) \leq \int_0^\infty \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{a_3 \theta(t-t_0)^\alpha} L(t_0) d\theta \\ + C_7 \int_{t_0}^t \int_0^\infty \alpha \theta (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{a_3 \theta(t-\eta)^\alpha} N(\eta) T(\eta) d\theta d\eta. \quad (3.6)$$

From (1.7) we can write

$$\int_0^\infty \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{a_3 \theta t^\alpha} d\theta = E_\alpha(a_3 t^\alpha).$$

Differentiating the last formula with respect to t , we get

$$\int_0^\infty \theta \zeta_\alpha(\theta) e^{a_3 \theta t^\alpha} d\theta = E_{\alpha,\alpha}(a_3 t^\alpha). \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.6) and (3.7) we get (3.3).

In a similar manner from the data of table 3 and equation (1.3), we can write

$$D^\alpha L(t) \geq -a_4 L(t) + c_7 N(t) T(t). \quad (3.8)$$

From (1.6) and (3.8), we get

$$L(t) \geq L(t) E_\alpha(-a_4 (t-t_0)^\alpha) \\ + c_7 \int_{t_0}^t \int_0^\infty \alpha \theta (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} e^{-a_4 \theta(t-\eta)^\alpha} N(\eta) T(\eta) d\theta d\eta$$

The last in equality leads to (3.4).

Theorem 3.3. Suppose that there exist $\zeta > 0$ and $\tau \geq 0$ such that

$$N(t_0) \geq \frac{\sigma}{a_2},$$

$$\frac{b(t)\sigma}{a_2 r(t)} + \frac{b_1 G(t)}{r(t)} \geq$$

$$\geq b_1 + \frac{1}{4a} (1 - ab_1)^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{r(t)}, \quad (3.9)$$

$$t \geq t_0 \geq 0,$$

For all

Where

$$G(t) = \frac{\gamma L^\lambda}{s a^{-\lambda} + L^\lambda},$$

Then every solution of (1.1)

satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t) = 0$

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof. Using equation (1.1),

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$$D^\alpha T(t) \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{-r(t)}{b_1 + T(t)} \left[\frac{b(t)N(t) + b_1 F(t)/T(t)}{r(t)} - \frac{1}{4a} (1 - ab_1)^2 - b_1 \right] T(t).$$

$$\text{Since } N(t_0) \geq \frac{\delta}{a_2}, \text{ it}$$

follows from (3.2) that

(3.12)

$$N(t) \geq \frac{\delta}{a_2}, \text{ for all } t \geq t_0$$

Thus from (3.9) and (3.12), we get

$$D^\alpha T(t) \leq -\varepsilon T(t),$$

For all $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$.

Consequently

$$T(t) \leq T(t_0) E_\alpha(-\varepsilon(t-t_0)^\alpha),$$

$$\text{SO } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t) = 0.$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

Corollary. If there exist

$$\varepsilon > 0 \text{ and } t_0 > 0$$

$$\text{such that } N(t_0) \geq \frac{\sigma}{a_2},$$

$$\frac{b(t)\sigma}{a_2 r(t)} \geq b_1 + \frac{1}{2a}(1-ab)^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{r(t)}$$

For all $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t) = 0.$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

(Comp. [24- 27])

Conclusion

The suitable mathematical models of fractional dynamical systems explore important problems in biology. This tool is an ever increasing towards

shedding light on these nonlinear fractional systems. The considered model incorporates tumor-immune interaction terms of a form that is qualitatively different from those commonly used. Perhaps the results about the NK cells, CD8 T cells and the behavior of the tumor cell population $T(t)$ helps of gaining time to fight the tumor by medical means, (Surgical. Chemical or radiation).

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