

## Human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome: Using drug from mathematical perceptive

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### Abstract

Entry of acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus into the host immune cell involves the participation of various components of host and viral cell unit. These components may be categorized as attachment of the viral surface envelope protein subunit, *gp120*, to the

CD4<sup>+</sup> receptor and chemokine coreceptors, *CCR5* and *CXCR4*, present on T cell surface. The viral fusion protein, *gp41*, the second cleaved subunit of Env undergoes reconfiguration and the membrane fusion reaction itself. Since the CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell population is actively involved; the ultimate outcome of human immunodeficiency virus infection is total collapse of the host immune system. Mathematical modeling of the stages in viral membrane protein-host cell receptor-coreceptor interaction and the effect of antibody vaccine on the viral entry into the susceptible host cell has been carried out using as impulsive differential equations. We have studied the effect of antibody vaccination and determined analytically the threshold value of drug dosage and dosing interval for optimum levels of infection. We have also investigated the effect of perfect adherence of drug dose on the immune cell count in extreme cases and observed that systematic drug dosage of the immune cells leads to longer and improved lives.

**Key words:** Human immunodeficiency virus; Acquired immune deficiency syndrome; Antibody vaccine; Perfect drug adherence; Impulsive differential equation

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**Core tip:** Use of single-cell antibody-cloning techniques uncover naturally arising, broad and potent human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) neutralizing antibodies. These antibodies can protect against infection and suppress new HIV infection. This antibody vaccination gives new ideas about the fight against the HIV infection. From the analytical study of the effect of antibody vaccination we found the threshold value of drug dosage and dosing interval for optimum levels of infection. We have also investigated the effect of perfect adherence of drug dose on the immune cell count in extreme cases and observed that systematic drug dosage of the immune cells leads to longer and improved lives.

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## INTRODUCTION

Over the last two decades there has been extensive research on the area of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection invading the human immune system. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), almost 75 million people have already been infected with the HIV virus and about 36 million people have died of HIV. Globally, 35.3 million people were living with HIV at the end of 2012. An estimated 0.8% of adults aged 15-49 years worldwide are living with HIV, although the burden of the epidemic continues to vary considerably between countries and regions. Sub-Saharan Africa remains most severely affected, with nearly 1 in every 20 adults living with HIV and accounting for 71% of the people living with HIV worldwide. CD4<sup>+</sup> T lymphocyte count is the only way to discover the disease progression monitoring during anti retroviral treatment (ART). From the premature days of infection, CD4<sup>+</sup> T-lymphocyte cells have been acknowledged as most important for HIV disease progression<sup>[1]</sup>. A healthy human adult has about 1000 CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells per microliter of blood<sup>[1]</sup>, and when the number of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells is reduced below 200/ $\mu$ L, as HIV infected patient considered as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) patients<sup>[2,3]</sup>. The infection process of the human cells by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is very complicated process. When HIV invades into the body, it targets the immune cells, mainly the CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells. HIV virus can easily hit into CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells by a binding process between the envelope proteins (*gp41/gp120*) on the surface of HIV with both the CD4 receptor and the chemokine coreceptor. The entry process is initiated by binding of *gp120*, a cleaved subunit of viral surface envelope protein, *Env*, to the CD4<sup>+</sup> receptor present on the T cell surface. However, this binding will be futile unless a conformational change is induced in *gp120* resulting in exposure of a coreceptor binding site and enabling it to bind to as N-terminus of chemokine coreceptor, namely *CCR5* and *CXCR4*, when a heterotrimeric complex of *gp120* - *CD4*-coreceptor is formed. Basically, the chemokines are small soluble paracrine signaling molecules involved in trafficking and recruitment of leukocytes to sites of injury and inflammation. Chemokines and their receptors contribute significantly to disease progression in HIV-afflicted patients. Co-receptor availability and expression determine host susceptibility to infection. These coreceptors are determinants of viral tropism. After that, viral fusion occurs in the target cell membrane and the genetic material viral RNA gets entry into the CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell. This genetic material has a reverse transcriptase enzyme.

By the reverse transcription process the RNA genome is reverse-transcribed to a DNA copy, and thus the cell becomes infected. This provirus can enter into the host cell genome where it can stay in an actively infected state or a latently infected state.

Virus specific antibodies are created by a complex differentiation pathway that includes B cell proliferation, isotype switching, germinal center formation and affinity maturation<sup>[4]</sup>. As a result, the presence of specific antibody secreting plasma cells and antibody production tends to continue long after the infection. In this outlook we consider B cell responses by assuming that antibodies are produced in response to free virus and that antibody production diminishes at a certain rate. But the antibody response diminishes during the course of infection and thus the immune system cannot fight against the HIV.

A recent vaccine experiment shows the use of single-cell antibody-cloning techniques that uncovered naturally arising, broad and potent HIV neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs)<sup>[5]</sup>. It is observed experimentally that these antibodies can defend against infection and suppress HIV infection in animals. The invention of this antibody vaccination gives new ideas about the fight against the HIV infection. The most contemporary approach to study the drug dynamics is determined by use of impulsive differential equations. Perfect or imperfect drug adherence and drug holidays can make easy the development of resistance. In recent years the effects of perfect adherence to antiretroviral therapy have been studied by impulsive differential equations<sup>[4,6-10]</sup>. Using this method, the dosing period and threshold values of dosage can be obtained more precisely. Also the effect of maximal acceptable drug holidays can be found by using impulsive differential equations<sup>[4]</sup>. Impulsive differential equations result if drug effect as well as that of the metabolites are assumed to decay with time in an exponential manner during each cycle and are assumed to change instantaneously at dosing times,  $t_j$  for different drug doses and can result in either implicit or explicit models<sup>[6-8]</sup>.

This article is arranged in the following manner: In the first section, we formulate the basic mathematical model on the basis of antibody responses against the virus and applying impulsive differential equations, we show how antibody responses on the human immune system. Analytical and numerical studies have been performed in the next sections. Lastly, we discuss the implication of the results which were found in the earlier sections.

## THE MODEL

In this research article, we have modified the explicit mathematical model as proposed by Roy *et al*<sup>[11]</sup>, considering the perfect adherence behavior of CTL vaccination in HIV infected patients. Here  $G_1$  represents the concentration of viral *Env* subunit, *gp120 in vivo*, and  $C_{D4}$  denotes the concentration of *CD4* receptor on T cell surface. Let  $C_1$  be the concentration of the dimeric complex of *gp120* and *CD4* receptor,  $G_2$  be the concentration of viral fusion protein, *gp41*, and  $C_{CR}$  be the concentration of the chemokine

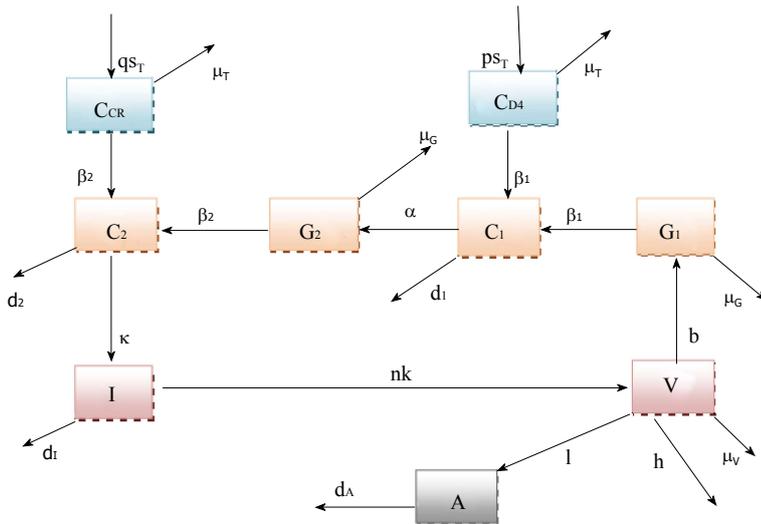


Figure 1 Schematic explanation for the model (1) showing the effect of high drug levels.

coreceptor on CD4<sup>+</sup> cells. Also, C<sub>2</sub> be the concentration of the combination of gp120 and gp120 - CD<sub>4</sub> chemokine coreceptor ternary complex, I denote the concentration of infected CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, and V denote the concentration of HIV virus. The model is represented in Figure 1. Here A stands for concentration of antibody response. We suppose that antibody responds proportionally to the production of free virus particles at a rate IVA. Antibody responses neutralize free virus particles at a rate hVA. In presence of antibody vaccination through perfect adherence, the model is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dG_1/dt &= bV - \mu_G G_1 - \beta_1 G_1 C_{D4} \\
 dC_{D4}/dt &= pS_T - \mu_T C_{D4} - \beta_1 G_1 C_{D4} \\
 dC_1/dt &= \beta_1 G_1 C_{D4} - d_1 C_1 \\
 dG_2/dt &= \alpha C_1 - \mu_G G_2 - \beta_2 G_2 C_{CR} \\
 dC_{CR}/dt &= qS_T - \mu_T C_{CR} - \beta_2 G_2 C_{CR} \\
 dC_2/dt &= \beta_2 G_2 C_{CR} - d_2 C_2 \\
 dI/dt &= \kappa C_2 - d_1 I \\
 dV/dt &= nI - \mu_V V - hVA \\
 dA/dt &= IVA - d_A A \quad \text{for } t \neq t_k \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta A \equiv A(t_k^+) - A(t_k^-) = \bar{A} \quad \text{for } t = t_k \quad (2)$$

In the system (1), *b* represents the multiplication capacity of gp120 in response to virus. The parameter *a* represents the successful exposure of gp41, since it is exposed only after attachment between gp120 and the CD<sub>4</sub> receptor is complete. The parameter  $\mu$  denotes the decay of gp120 and gp41, and  $\beta_1$  denotes the bonding force between gp120 and the CD<sub>4</sub> receptor. Further  $\beta_2$  denotes the bonding force between the dimeric complex of gp120 and CD<sub>4</sub> receptor and also the chemokine coreceptor. The source of susceptible CD<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> T cells is represented by *s<sub>T</sub>*, and *p* and *q* denote the number of CD<sub>4</sub> receptors and chemokine coreceptors on one CD<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> T cell respectively. The death rate of healthy CD<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> T cell  $\mu_T$  and the death rate of infected CD<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> T cells is *d<sub>1</sub>*. The dissociation rate of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> are *d<sub>1</sub>* and *d<sub>2</sub>* respectively and for the sake of simplicity, it is assumed that after dissociation of C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>, they will not return

to their respective components. Here *n* represents the number of virus particles that are produced by one infected CD<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> T cell. The clearance rate of free HIV virus is represented as  $\mu_V$ . Antibody responses by A are produced at a rate *l* and *d<sub>A</sub>* indicates the death rate of antibody responses. The concentration of antibodies (bNAbs) is represented by *A<sub>(t)</sub>* in plasma. The drug dose, *A*, that is taken at each impulse time *t<sub>j</sub>* (*j* = 1, 2, 3...) is kept constant. Since vaccination may be taken at either regular or irregular intervals, we have considered. The impulse time *t<sub>j</sub>* to be fixed. The system (1) together with the system (2) represent the dynamics with vaccine. The vaccination interval  $\tau = t_{j+1} - t_j$  is fixed. Here we have only analyzed the models (1) - (2).

## ANALYSIS OF THE MODEL

### In absence of drug

To study the model (1) together with (2), we first analyze the model in absence of drug. When drug is not administered to the system, we have observed that there exist two equilibrium point: (1) The disease free equilibrium point  $\bar{E}$ ; and (2) The endemic equilibrium point  $E^*$ .

**The disease free state:** In absence of drug, there may exist disease free equilibrium point  $\bar{E}$  which is given by  $\bar{E}(0, pS_T/\mu_T, 0, 0, qS_T/\mu_T, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  (3)

Now for the system (1) and (2) the Jacobian matrix is  $J = [J_1 | J_2]$ , where

$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
 -(\mu_G + \beta_1 C_{D4}) & -\beta_1 G_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -\beta_1 C_{D4} & -(\mu_T + \beta_1 G_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \beta_1 C_{D4} & \beta_1 G_1 & -d_1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & \alpha & -(\mu_G + \beta_2 C_{CR}) & -\beta_2 G_2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -\beta_2 C_{CR} & -(\mu_T + \beta_2 G_2) \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta_2 C_{CR} & \beta_2 G_2 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -d_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k & -d_I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & nd_I & -(\mu_V + hA) & -hV \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -d_A \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation for the disease free equilibrium  $\bar{E}$  is

$$(\Lambda + d_A)(\Lambda + \mu_T)^2 G(\Lambda) = 0. \tag{4}$$

where

$$G(\Lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda + \mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -b \\ -\beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} & \Lambda + d_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\alpha & \Lambda + \mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR} & \Lambda + d_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k & \Lambda + d_I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -nd_I & \Lambda + \mu_V \end{bmatrix}$$

we get,

$$G(\Lambda) = \Lambda^6 + \xi_1 \Lambda^5 + \xi_2 \Lambda^4 + \xi_3 \Lambda^3 + \xi_4 \Lambda^2 + \xi_5 \Lambda + \xi_6 = 0, \tag{5}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= d_1 + d_2 + d_I + 2\mu_G + \mu_V + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR} > 0, \\ \xi_2 &= (\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4})(\mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) + (d_1 + d_2 + d_I + \mu_V) \times (2\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) + (d_1 + d_2)(\mu_V + d_I) + \mu_V d_I + d_1 d_2 > 0, \\ \xi_3 &= (\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4})(\mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR})(d_1 + d_2 + d_I + \mu_V) + (2\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) [(d_1 + d_2)(\mu_V + d_I) + (d_I \mu_V + d_1 d_2)] + [d_1 d_2 (\mu_V + d_I) + d_I \mu_V (d_1 + d_2)] > 0, \\ \xi_4 &= (2\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) [d_1 d_2 (\mu_V + d_I) + d_I \mu_V \times (d_1 + d_2)] + (\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4})(\mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) \times [(d_1 + d_2)(\mu_V + d_I) + (d_I \mu_V + d_1 d_2)] + d_1 d_2 d_I \mu_V > 0, \\ \xi_5 &= (\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4})(\mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) [d_1 d_2 (\mu_V + d_I) + d_I \mu_V (d_1 + d_2)] + d_1 d_2 d_I \mu_V (2\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4} + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) > 0, \\ \xi_6 &= d_1 d_2 d_I \mu_V (\mu_G + \beta_1 \bar{C}_{D4})(\mu_G + \beta_2 \bar{C}_{CR}) - nkab\beta_1 \beta_2 d_I \bar{C}_{D4} \bar{C}_{CR}. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

For  $\xi_6 > 0$  there exist no positive roots and all roots are negative. Hence, the basic reproduction  $R_0$  is,

$$R_0 = \frac{nkab\beta_1 \beta_2 p q s_T^2}{d_1 d_2 \mu_V (\mu_G d_I + p s_T \beta_1) (\mu_G d_I + q s_T \beta_2)}$$

**Remark:** At disease free equilibrium point  $\bar{E}$ , the system is locally stable if the basic reproduction number  $R_0 < 1$  and the system is unstable when  $R_0 > 1$ .

**The endemic state:** There exists another equilibrium in the form of endemic equilibrium ( $E^*$ ), ( $G^*_1, C^*_{D4}, C^*_1, C^*_2, C^*_{CR}, C^*_2, I^*, V^*, A^*$ )

$$\text{where, } C^*_{D4} = \frac{ps_T}{\mu_T + \beta_1 G^*_1}, \quad C^*_1 = \frac{ps_T \beta_1 G^*_1}{d_1 (\mu_T + \beta_1 G^*_1)}, \tag{7}$$

$$V^* = \frac{d_A}{1}, \quad I^* = \frac{kG^*_2}{d_I},$$

$$C^*_{CR} = \frac{qs_T}{\mu_T + \beta_2 G^*_2}, \quad A^* = \frac{(nd_I I^* - \mu_V V^*)}{hV^*},$$

$$C^*_2 = \frac{\beta_2 G^*_2 C^*_{CR}}{d_2},$$

$$G^*_1 = \frac{-\zeta_2 + \sqrt{\zeta_2^2 + 4\zeta_1 \zeta_3}}{2\zeta_1},$$

$$G^*_2 = \frac{-\eta_2 + \sqrt{\eta_2^2 + 4\eta_1 \eta_3}}{2\eta_1}, \tag{8}$$

and,

$$\zeta_1 = \beta_1 \mu_G, \zeta_2 = (\beta_1 \mu_G + \mu_G d_I) - b d_A \beta_1, \zeta_3 = b d_A \mu_T, \eta_1 = \mu_G \beta_2, \eta_2 = (q s_T \beta_2 + \mu_G d_I - \alpha \beta_2 C^*_1), \eta_3 = \alpha \mu_T C^*_1 \tag{9}$$

The endemic state with antibody response exist if the concentration of the combination of *gp41* and *gp120-CD4-chemokine* coreceptor ternary complex ( $C_2$ ) satisfy the condition

$$C^*_2 > \frac{\mu_V d_A}{nkl} \quad \text{and} \quad R_0 > 1$$

In this article, our main aim is to justify the effect of antibody vaccination mathematically. So we have not carried out the stability analysis for the endemic state. However we have derived the existence condition for the endemic state. Moreover we have carried out the numerical illustration for the endemic state and verified that the endemic state exist when  $R_0 > 1$ .

## THE SYSTEM WITH PERFECT ADHERENCE

To study the impulsive system it is assumed that the vaccine is taken at regular intervals with length  $\tau = t_k + 1 - t_k$ . For a impulsive cycle  $t_k \leq t \leq t_{k+1}$ , the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^t [V(u) - d_A] du \\ A(t) &= A(t_k^+) e^{b_k} \quad t_k < t \leq t_{k+1} \\ & \geq A(t_k^+) e^{-d_A(t - t_k)} \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Suppose that  $A(t_k^-)$  denotes the value immediately before the impulse and  $A(t_k^+)$  is the value immediately after. Calculating the least value of the concentration of  $A(t)$  for the perfect adherence with fixed interval length ( $\tau > 0$ ) we get

$$A(t) = A(t_k^+) e^{-d_A(t - t_k)} \tag{11}$$

This is the required concentration of antibody response to control the virus.

If  $A(0) = \bar{A}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(t_1^+) &= \bar{A} \\ A(t_2^-) &= \bar{A} e^{-d_A \tau} \\ A(t_2^+) &= \bar{A} (1 + e^{-d_A \tau}) \\ A(t_3^-) &= \bar{A} (1 + e^{-d_A \tau}) e^{-d_A \tau} \\ A(t_3^+) &= \bar{A} (1 + e^{-d_A \tau} + e^{-2d_A \tau}) \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ A(t_p^+) &= \bar{A} (1 + e^{-d_A \tau} + e^{-2d_A \tau} + e^{-3d_A \tau} + \dots + e^{-(p-1)d_A \tau}) \\ &= \bar{A} \frac{1 - e^{-pd_A \tau}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}} \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

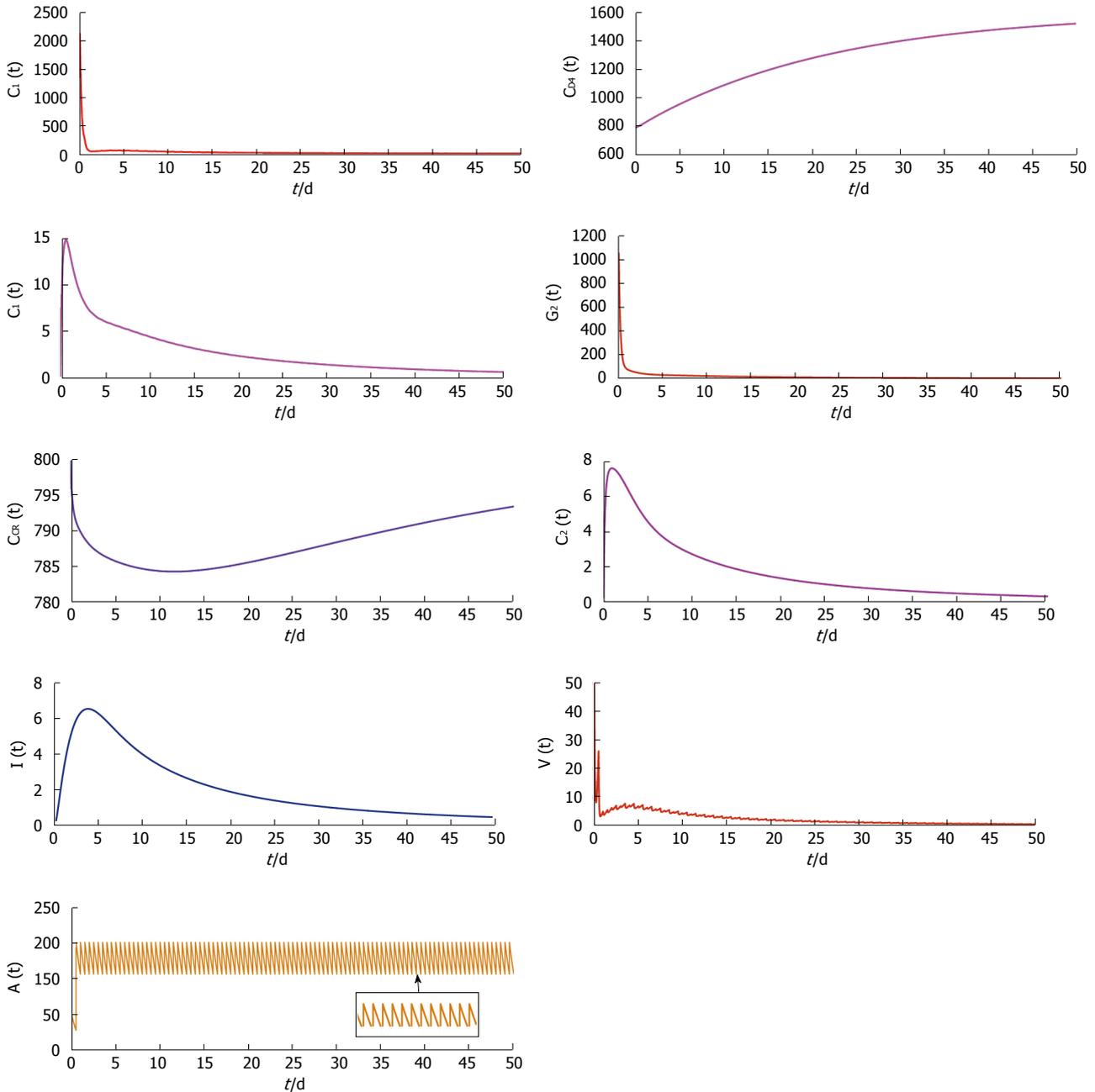


Figure 2 Trajectories showing the concentration changes with time of the model variable under restrained antibody vaccination with  $\tau = 0.5$  and  $\bar{A} = 100$ .

Hence,

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} A(t_p^+) = \frac{\bar{A}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}} \quad (13)$$

The periodic end points of the trajectories are

$$\frac{\bar{A}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}} \text{ and } \frac{\bar{A}e^{-d_A \tau}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}}$$

For perfect vaccination, the antibody response after the  $n^{\text{th}}$  vaccination is

$$A(t_n^+) = \frac{\bar{A}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}}$$

For perfect adherence, to control the virus and avoid resistance, the minimum value ( $A^*$ ) of the periodic orbit

must satisfy:

$$A^* < \frac{\bar{A}e^{-d_A \tau}}{1 - e^{-d_A \tau}} \quad (14)$$

Which implies that

$$\tau = \frac{1}{d_A} \ln\left(\frac{A^* + \bar{A}}{A^*}\right) = \tau_{\max} \quad (15)$$

**Remark:** If we can restrict the dosing interval of  $\tau$  satisfying the condition  $0 \leq \tau < \tau_{\max}$  (for fixed vaccination) then the disease can be controlled. However, if  $\tau > \tau_{\max}$ , the disease progression continues, even if drug is administered at fixed intervals. Thus maintenance of optimum dosage regimen is essential in order to control

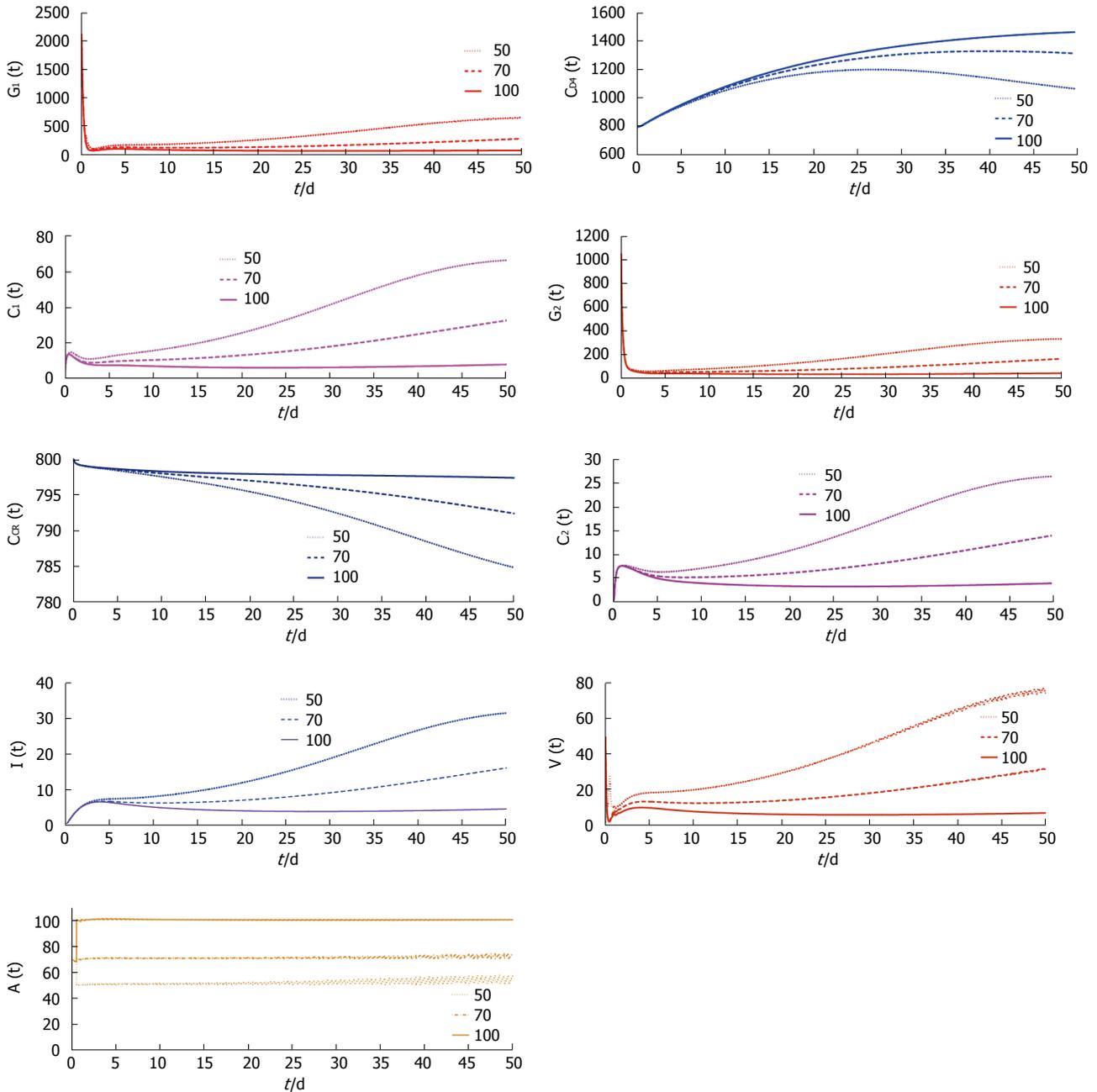


Figure 3 Trajectories showing the concentration changes with time of the model variable under different antibody vaccination concentration with  $\tau = 0.5$ .

the disease effectively.

## NUMERICAL SIMULATION

In our numerical illustration, we have described the perfect drug adherence of antibody vaccination. All the parameters are taken from Table 1. We have assumed the initial condition as  $G_1(0) = 2100$ ,  $C_{D4}(0) = 800$ ,  $C_1(0) = 0$ ,  $G_2(0) = 1050$ ,  $C_{CR}(0) = 800$ ,  $C_2(0) = 0$ ,  $I(0) = 0$ ,  $V(0) = 50$ ,  $A(0) = 100$  and the unit of the concentration is  $\text{mm}^{-3}$ .

In Figure 2 we observe that in the presence of vaccination ( $\bar{A} = 100$ ) with frequent dosing interval (*i.e.*,  $\tau = 0.5$ ), the virus population and infected CD4<sup>+</sup> T

cells population reduces. From this illustration, it can be predicted that proper antibody vaccination can restrict the infection process in HIV transmission. Now if the dosage of vaccination is not sufficient, then the effect of vaccination cannot be observed on the virus population and infected cell population.

In Figure 3, it is clearly observed that in presence of low vaccination (*i.e.*, for  $\bar{A} = 50$  or  $\bar{A} = 70$ ), the disease transmission process persists. Only adequate increment of the dosage of vaccination can restrict the disease progression. From these two figures we can predict that sufficient dosage of vaccination with frequent dosing interval can restrict the disease progression.

From Figures 4 and 5 we try to find out the effect of

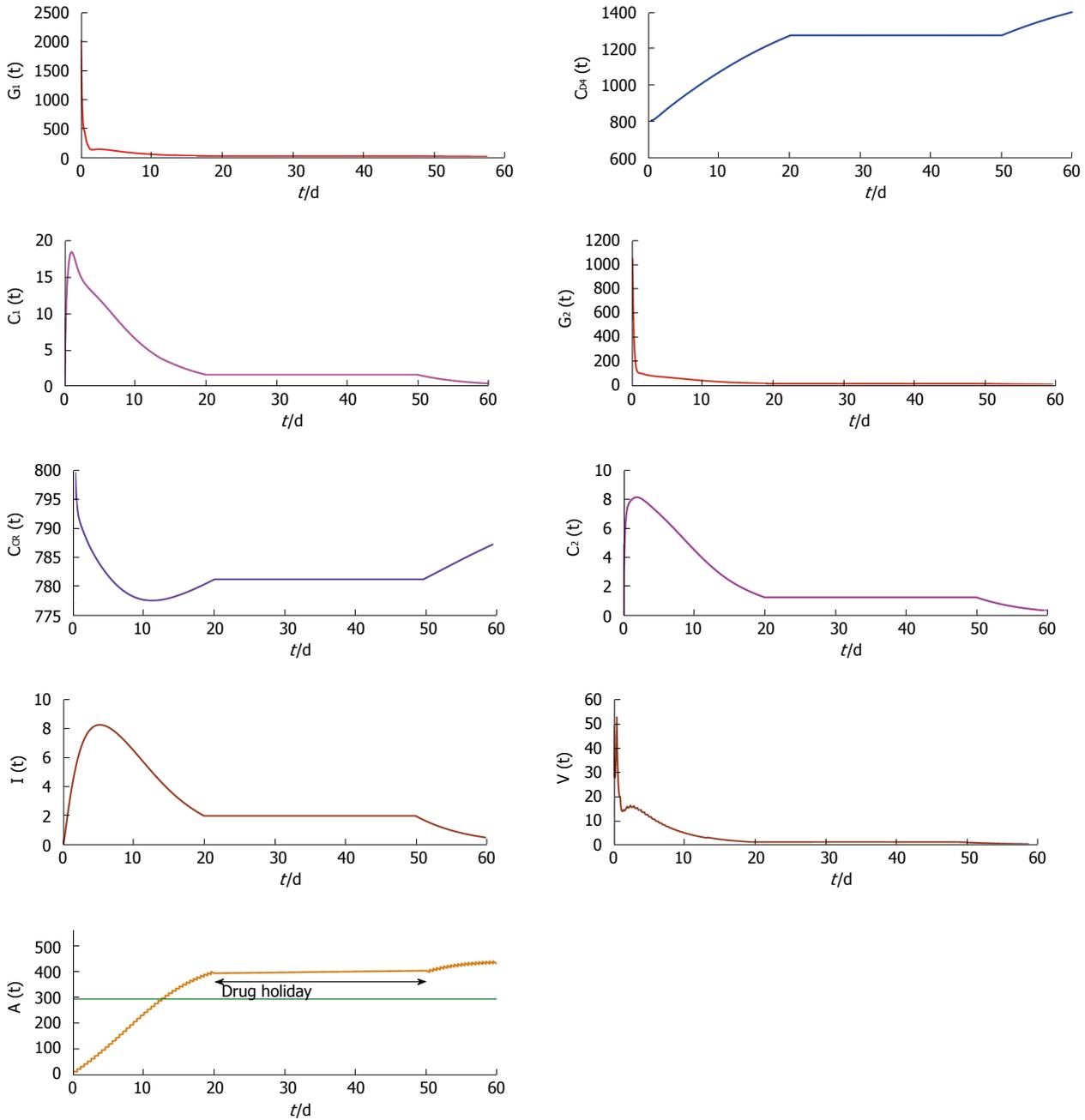


Figure 4 Trajectories showing the concentration changes with time of the model variable under restrained antibody vaccination with  $\tau = 0.5$  along with drug holidays for a period of 30 d.

drug holidays. In Figure 4, we restrict the drug holidays 30 d, where as in Figure 5 the drug holidays is 10 d only. It is observed that when the drug holiday is 30 d the virus population attains its minimum value after 55 d. But if we restrict the drug holidays 10 d, the virus population attains its minimum value after 35 d. We also observe that for a 10 d drug holiday the  $C_{D4}$  receptor and  $C_{CR}$  receptor attains its maximum concentration within 40 d. Whereas  $C_D$  receptor and  $C_{CR}$  receptor attains its maximum concentration within 60 d for 30 d drug holidays. Thus most unpleasant circumstances occur in case of long-term effects of the drug holidays.

Figure 6 show that phase plane plotted against

dosing interval and antibody responses. From this figure it is clearly observed that the antibody responses attain its maximum value if the drug dosing interval is frequent. Also the antibody responses reduce for the outsized dosing interval.

## CONCLUSION

Antibody vaccination in AIDS therapy has been studied as a new policy. Here vaccination is delivered to the host system in an impulsive mode to reactivate the antibody response. Dosage of vaccination and dosing interval has been effectively studied by this present mathematical

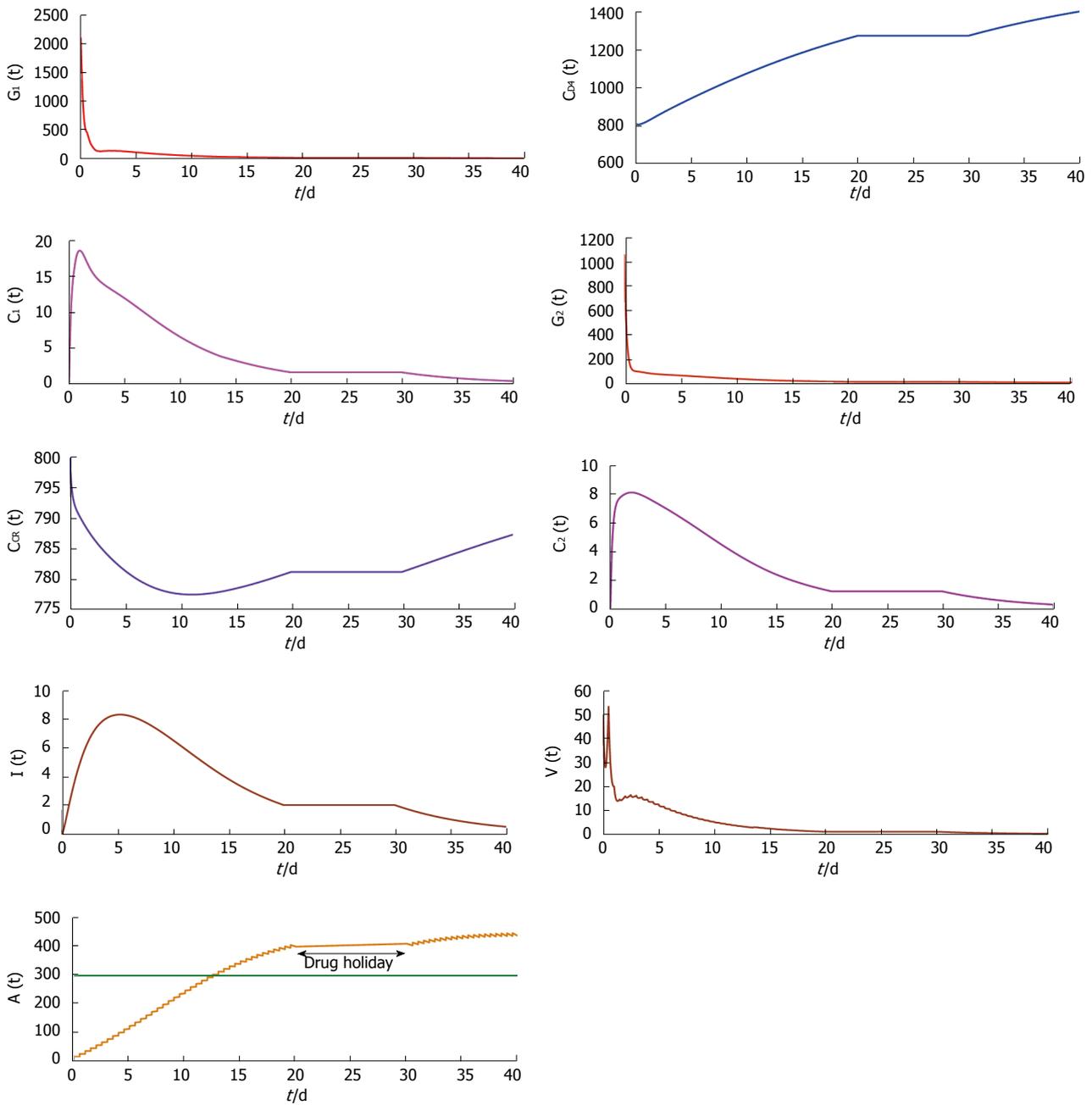


Figure 5 Trajectories showing the concentration changes with time of the model variable under restrained antibody vaccination with  $\tau = 0.5$  along with drug holidays for a period of 10 d.

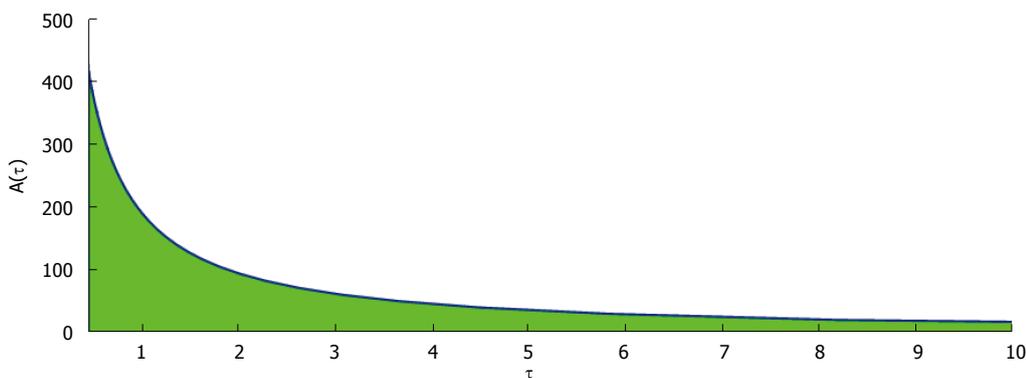


Figure 6 Phase plane showing the concentration of antibody responses against fixed dosing interval.

**Table 1** List of parameters for system (1) - (2)

Parameter	Value (units)	Ref.
$b$	42 (per day)	[6]
$\beta_1$	$10^{-5}$ (/mm <sup>3</sup> /d)	[6]
$\mu_C$	5 (per day)	[9]
$p$	1 (per day)	[6]
$S_T$	80 (/mm <sup>3</sup> /d)	[9]
$\mu_T$	0.05 (per day)	[6]
$d_1$	0.4 (per day)	[6]
$\alpha$	25 (per day)	[6]
$\beta_2$	$10^{-5}$ (/mm <sup>3</sup> /d)	[6]
$q$	0.6 (per day)	[6]
$d_2$	0.4 (per day)	[6]
$\kappa$	0.6 (per day)	[6]
$d_l$	0.5 (per day)	[9]
$\delta$	0.01 (per day)	[7]
$n$	540	[6]
$\mu_V$	3 (per day)	[7]
$\iota$	0.01 (per day)	[12]
$d_A$	0.5 (per day)	[7]

model. It has been observed that when basic reproduction ratio lies below one, we expect the system attain its disease free state. However, at  $R_0 > 1$ , the system switches to endemic equilibrium. These conjectures have been supported by the results of numerical simulations.

It has been observed that the length of the dosing interval and the drug dose play a very decisive role in maintaining stable disease free equilibrium. From analytical as well as numerical finding it has been observed that the antibody responses attain its maximum value if the drug dosing interval is frequent. But the antibody responses reduce for the large dosing interval. Also we have observed that the drug holiday plays a pivotal role during the treatment schedule. From numerical findings we can predict that extensive drug holidays is unsafe for the treatment. Analytically and numerically, it has been observed that viral entry into the host cell is also inhibited with uninfected host CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell

population remaining unaffected. This happens because the antibody vaccination when administered following the best possible antibody responses can act against the free virus to neutralize free virus particles. This particular situation keeps the infected cell population at a very low level.

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