

*Supplementary Material*

**Modeling Nosocomial Infections of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* with Environment Contamination**

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We derive  $R_0$  by using the definition notations and technique of Diekmann et al. [1] and van den Driessche and Watmough [3]. When  $\theta = 0$ , that is no colonized patients are admitted into hospital, the disease-free equilibrium (DFE) is defined to be

$$E_0 = (P_u, P_c, H_u, H_c, B_e) = (N_p, 0, N_h, 0, 0),$$

where  $N_p, N_h$  are total number of patients and HCWs, respectively. The infected compartments are colonized patients  $P_c$ , contaminated HCWs  $H_c$  and bacterial load  $B_e$ ; the uninfected compartments are uncolonized patients  $P_u$  and uncontaminated HCWs  $H_u$ . Thus, for our model,  $n = 5, m = 3$ . After rearrangement, we denote

$$x = (P_c, H_c, B_e, P_u, H_u)^T, \quad x_0 = (0, 0, 0, N_p, N_h),$$

and

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x) = \mathcal{F}_i(x) - (\mathcal{V}_i(x)),$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1(x) \\ \mathcal{F}_2(x) \\ \mathcal{F}_3(x) \\ \mathcal{F}_4(x) \\ \mathcal{F}_5(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_p \beta_p (1 - \eta) P_u H_c + k_p P_u B_e \\ (1 - \eta) \alpha_p \beta_h P_c H_u + k_h H_u B_e \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S1})$$

and

$$\mathcal{V}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{V}_1(x) \\ \mathcal{V}_2(x) \\ \mathcal{V}_3(x) \\ \mathcal{V}_4(x) \\ \mathcal{V}_5(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_c P_c - \theta(\gamma_u P_u + \gamma_c P_c) \\ \mu_c H_c \\ \gamma_b B_e - (\nu_p P_c + \nu_h H_c) \\ \alpha_p \beta_p (1 - \eta) P_u H_c + k_p P_u B_e + \gamma_u P_u - (\gamma_u P_u + \gamma_c P_c) \\ (1 - \eta) \alpha_p \beta_h P_c H_u + k_h H_u B_e - \mu_c H_c \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S2})$$

It is easy to check that the assumptions in van den Driessche and Watmough [3] are satisfied. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_i}{\partial x_j}(x_0) \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha_p \beta_p (1 - \eta) H_c - k_p B_e & \alpha_p \beta_p (1 - \eta) (N_p - P_c) & k_p (N_p - P_c) \\ (1 - \eta) \alpha_p \beta_h (N_h - H_c) & -(1 - \eta) \alpha_p \beta_h P_c - k_h B_e & k_h (N_h - H_c) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{x_0} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_p \beta_p (1 - \eta) N_p & k_p N_p \\ (1 - \eta) \alpha_p \beta_h N_h & 0 & k_h N_h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S3})$$

and

$$V = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_i}{\partial x_j}(x_0) \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \theta \gamma_u + (1 - \theta) \gamma_c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_c & 0 \\ -\nu_p & -\nu_h & \gamma_b \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S4})$$

then

$$V^{-1} = \frac{1}{\gamma\mu_c\gamma_b} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_c\gamma_b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma\gamma_b & 0 \\ \nu_p\mu_c & \gamma\nu_h & \mu_c\gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S5})$$

with  $\gamma = \theta\gamma_u + (1 - \theta)\gamma_c$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} FV^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\gamma\mu_c\gamma_b} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_p\beta_p(1-\eta)N_p & k_pN_p \\ (1-\eta)\alpha_p\beta_hN_h & 0 & k_hN_h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mu_c\gamma_b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma\gamma_b & 0 \\ \nu_p\mu_c & \gamma\nu_h & \gamma\mu_c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma\mu_c\gamma_b} \begin{pmatrix} k_p\nu_p\mu_cN_p & [\alpha_p\beta_p(1-\eta)\gamma_b + k_p\nu_h]\gamma N_p & k_p\gamma\mu_cN_p \\ ((1-\eta)\alpha_p\beta_h\gamma_b + k_h\nu_p)\mu_cN_h & k_h\gamma\nu_hN_h & k_h\gamma\mu_cN_h \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S6})$$

The basic reproduction number is defined the spectral radius of  $FV^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &= \frac{k_p\nu_pN_p}{2\gamma\gamma_b} + \frac{k_h\nu_hN_h}{2\mu_c\gamma_b} \\ &+ \frac{\sqrt{(k_p\nu_p\mu_cN_p - k_h\nu_h\gamma N_h)^2 + 4[(\alpha_p\beta_p(1-\eta)\gamma_b + k_p\nu_h)((1-\eta)\alpha_p\beta_h\gamma_b + k_h\nu_p)\mu_c\gamma N_hN_p]}}{2\gamma\mu_c\gamma_b}. \end{aligned}$$

One can see that if  $P_u^0, P_c^0, H_u^0, H_c^0, B_e^0 \geq 0$ , then solutions are non-negative and remain bounded in the positively invariant set in  $\mathbb{R}^5$

$$G := \{(P_u, P_c, H_u, H_c, B_e) \in \mathbb{R}_+^5 : P_u + P_c + H_u + H_c + B_e \leq N\},$$

where  $N$  is a fixed integer.

In fact, it is easy to see that the solutions remain in the positive cone if the initial conditions are in the positive cone (Smith and Waltman [2, App. B]). Let  $T(t) = P_u(t) + P_c(t) + H_u(t) + H_c(t) + B_e(t)$ . From (??) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT(t)}{dt} &= \frac{dB_e(t)}{dt} = \nu_pP_c(t) + \nu_hH_c(t) - \gamma_bB_e(t) \\ &\leq \nu_pN_p + \nu_hN_h - \gamma_bB_e(t), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$B_e(t) \leq \frac{(\nu_pN_p + \nu_hN_h)}{\gamma_b}(1 - e^{-\gamma_b t}) + B_e^0 e^{-\gamma_b t}.$$

So  $B_e(t)$  is bounded by a fixed number

$$M = \frac{(\nu_pN_p + \nu_hN_h)}{\gamma_b} + B_e^0.$$

Let  $N = N_p + N_h + M$ , then

$$P_u(t) + P_c(t) + H_u(t) + H_c(t) + B_e(t) \leq N.$$

Thus, the solutions remain bounded in a positive cone of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , and the system induces a global semiflow in the positively invariant set  $G$  of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

When  $\theta = 0$ , following a result of van den Driessche and Watmough [3], we know that if  $R_0 < 1$ , the disease-free steady state  $(N_p, 0, N_h, 0, 0)$  is locally asymptotically stable; if  $R_0 > 1$ , the disease-free steady state is unstable.

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