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Corrigendum

Corrigendum to “Optimal decay rates for a chemotaxis model with logistic growth, logarithmic sensitivity and density-dependent production/consumption rate” [J. Differential Equations (2020) 1379–1411]

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In Section 5 of our previous paper [1] (the proof of Theorem 2.2), it is presumed $\varepsilon > 0$ in (5.14) therein. While it works for $\varepsilon > 0$, the approach needs to be modified for the case $\varepsilon = 0$. The purpose of this corrigendum is to provide an alternative, which is to replace the proofs of Lemma 5.2 and Lemma 5.3, and is valid for both $\varepsilon = 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$.

From (5.11), (5.10), (5.4) and (1.13) of [1],

$$\phi(x, t) = \tilde{s}(x, t) - \bar{s} = \bar{s} \left[\exp \left(\frac{D}{\chi} \psi \left(\frac{\sqrt{\chi \mu K}}{D} x, \frac{\chi \mu K}{D} t \right) \right) - 1 \right].$$

Thus by the mean value theorem,

$$|\phi(x, t)| \leq C \left| \psi \left(\frac{\sqrt{\chi \mu K}}{D} x, \frac{\chi \mu K}{D} t \right) \right| \exp \left(\frac{D}{|\chi|} \|\psi\|_{L^\infty} \left(\frac{\chi \mu K}{D} t \right) \right), \quad (1)$$

where $C = \bar{s} D / |\chi|$ is a constant. Our goal here is to prove

$$\|\psi\|(t) \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}, \quad t \geq 2, \quad (2)$$

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with a constant $C > 0$ depending on the system parameters and initial data. Once we have proved (2), the Sobolev inequality and the estimates on v , see (4.11), (1.13), (2.3) and (2.4) in [1], imply

$$\|\psi\|_{L^\infty}(t) \leq C\|\psi\|^{\frac{1}{2}}\|v\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad t \geq 2. \quad (3)$$

Substituting (2) and (3) into (1) gives us

$$\|\phi\|(t) \leq C\|\psi\|\left(\frac{\chi\mu K}{D}t\right) \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \quad (4)$$

for $t \geq 2D/(\chi\mu K)$. The case $t \leq 2D/(\chi\mu K)$ is trivial since $\|\phi\|(t)$ is bounded by Lemma 5.1 in [1]. Equation (4) is (5.24) in [1] hence Lemma 5.3 therein is justified. Lemma 5.2 is also justified in view of (1) and (3). The rest of the proof (after Lemma 5.3) in [1] stays valid.

To prove (2) we have the following from (1.13) and (2.1) in [1]:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_t &= 1 - u + \varepsilon_2 v^2 + \varepsilon_1 v_x = \frac{1}{r}[u_t + (uv)_x - u_{xx} + r(u-1)^2] + \varepsilon_2 v^2 + \varepsilon_1 v_x \\ &= \beta\psi_{xx} + \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where, as in (2.1) of [1], $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon/D$, $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon/\chi$, $r = aD/(\chi\mu K)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \frac{1}{r} + \varepsilon_1 > 0, \quad R_1 = \frac{1}{r}u_t, \quad R_2 = \frac{1}{r}[(u-1)v]_x, \\ R_3 &= -\frac{1}{r}u_{xx}, \quad R_4 = (u-1)^2 + \varepsilon_2 v^2. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

By Duhamel's principle and (5), we write

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, t) &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\beta\pi t}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\beta t}}, \\ \psi(x, t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t)\psi_0(y)dy + \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau)R_i(y, \tau)dyd\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|(t) &\leq \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t)\psi_0(y)dy \right\| + \sum_{i=1}^4 \left\| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau)R_i(y, \tau)dyd\tau \right\| \\ &\equiv I_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 I_i. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Noting $t \geq 2$ and by Young's inequality and (2.3) and (2.4) in [1], (6) and (7) imply the following:

$$I_0 \leq \|H\|(t) \|\psi_0\|_{L^1} \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}, \quad (8)$$

$$I_2 \leq \int_0^t \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_x(x-y, t-\tau) \frac{1}{r} [(u-1)v](y, \tau) dy \right\| d\tau \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{r} \int_0^t \|H_x\|(t-\tau) \|(u-1)v\|_{L^1}(\tau) d\tau \leq C \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-\frac{3}{4}} (\|u-1\| \|v\|)(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq C \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-\frac{3}{4}} (\tau+1)^{-2} d\tau \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$I_3 \leq \int_0^t \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_x(x-y, t-\tau) \frac{1}{r} u_x(y, \tau) dy \right\| d\tau \leq \frac{1}{r} \int_0^t \|H_x\|_{L^1}(t-\tau) \|u_x\|(\tau) d\tau \quad (10)$$

$$\leq C \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\tau+1)^{-\frac{7}{4}} d\tau \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$I_4 \leq \int_0^t \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau) [(u-1)^2 + \varepsilon_2 v^2](y, \tau) dy \right\| d\tau \quad (11)$$

$$\leq \int_0^t \|H\|(t-\tau) (\|(u-1)^2\|_{L^1} + \varepsilon_2 \|v^2\|_{L^1})(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\leq C \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-\frac{1}{4}} (\tau+1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} d\tau \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}.$$

For the estimate on I_1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \left\| \int_0^{t-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau) \frac{1}{r} u_t(y, \tau) dy d\tau \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_{t-1}^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau) \frac{1}{r} u_t(y, \tau) dy d\tau \right\| \equiv I_{11} + I_{12}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Here I_{11} is treated by integration by parts with respect to t , and following the same strategy as in the estimate of I_3 .

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{11} &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{r} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, 1)[u(y, t-1) - 1] dy \right\| + \left\| \frac{1}{r} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t)[u_0(y) - 1] dy \right\| \\
&\quad + \left\| \frac{1}{r} \int_0^{t-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} H_t(x-y, t-\tau)[u(y, \tau) - 1] dy d\tau \right\| \\
&\leq C \|H\|_{L^1}(1) \|u - 1\|(t-1) + C \|H\|(t) \|u_0 - 1\|_{L^1} \\
&\quad + C \int_0^{t-1} \|H_t\|_{L^1}(t-\tau) \|u - 1\|(\tau) d\tau \\
&\leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}} + C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}} + C \int_0^{t-1} (t-\tau)^{-1} (\tau+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}} d\tau \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

For the estimate of I_{12} we use the second equation in (2.1) of [1] to convert u_t as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{12} &\leq \int_{t-1}^t \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x-y, t-\tau) \frac{1}{r} [-(uv)_x + u_{xx} + ru(1-u)](y, \tau) dy \right\| d\tau \\
&\leq C \int_{t-1}^t \|H\|_{L^1}(t-\tau) (\|u_x v\| + \|uv_x\| + \|u(1-u)\|)(\tau) d\tau \\
&\quad + C \int_{t-1}^t \|H_x\|_{L^1}(t-\tau) \|u_x\|(\tau) d\tau \\
&\leq C \int_{t-1}^t (\tau+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}} d\tau + C \int_{t-1}^t (t-\tau)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\tau+1)^{-\frac{7}{4}} d\tau \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{5}{4}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Combining (12)-(14) gives us

$$I_1 \leq C(t+1)^{-\frac{1}{4}}. \tag{15}$$

Substituting (8)-(11) and (15) into (7), we arrive at (2).

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