

Multiple sclerosis

Demyelination patterns

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$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial t} = \Delta m + m(1 - m) - \nabla \cdot (\chi(m) \nabla c) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\tau} [\epsilon \Delta c + \delta d - c + \beta m] \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial t} = rF(m)m(1 - d) \quad (3)$$

$$\chi(m) = \chi \frac{m}{1 + m}$$

$$F(m) = \frac{m}{1 + m}$$

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 0, \mathbf{x} \in \partial \Omega$$

$$c(\mathbf{x}, 0) = d(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 1, \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \in C$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0, \text{ else}$$

C : circle with radius $\sqrt{20}$ centered in the middle of mesh

- m : Comparative density of macrophages
- c : Comparative density of cytokines
- d : Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes
- χ : Chemoattraction
- τ : Time scale
- ϵ : Diffusion of cytokines
- β : production rate per macrophages
- δ : production rate per destroyed oligodendrocytes
- r : destructive strength

Numerical solution

- $h_t = 0.001 \text{ day}$
- $T_f = 7 \text{ days}$
- Mesh 100×100
- $h_x = h_y = h = 1$
- Explicit method.
- Centered difference for Δm e Δc
- Up wind e down wind for Chemotaxis. $\nabla \chi$
- Centered difference for ∇c
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- $\nabla \cdot (\chi(m) \nabla c) \implies \nabla c \cdot \nabla \chi(m)$

$$m_{i,j}^{n+1} = m_{i,j}^n + h_t[\Delta m + m(1 - m) - \nabla c \cdot \nabla \chi(m)]$$

$$\Delta m = \frac{\partial^2 m}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 m}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{h^2}(m_{i+1,j}^n + m_{i-1,j}^n - 4m_{i,j}^n + m_{i,j+1}^n + m_{i,j-1}^n)$$

$$\nabla c = \left[\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \right] = \left[\frac{c_{i+1,j} - c_{i-1,j}}{2h}, \frac{c_{i,j+1} - c_{i,j-1}}{2h} \right]$$

$$\nabla \chi(m) = \left[\frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} > 0 : \frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial x} = \frac{\chi(m)_{i,j} - \chi(m)_{i-1,j}}{h}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \leq 0 : \frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial x} = \frac{\chi(m)_{i+1,j} - \chi(m)_{i,j}}{h}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} > 0 : \frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial y} = \frac{\chi(m)_{i,j} - \chi(m)_{i,j-1}}{h}$$

$$\text{If } \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} \leq 0 : \frac{\partial \chi(m)}{\partial y} = \frac{\chi(m)_{i,j+1} - \chi(m)_{i,j}}{h}$$

$$c_{i,j}^{n+1} = c_{i,j}^n + \frac{h_t}{\tau} [\epsilon \Delta c + \delta d - c + \beta m]$$

$$\Delta c = \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{h^2} (c_{i+1,j}^n + c_{i-1,j}^n - 4c_{i,j}^n + c_{i,j+1}^n + c_{i,j-1}^n)$$

$$d_{i,j}^{n+1} = d_{i,j}^n + h_t (rF(m)(1 - d))$$

Table: values of parameters.

Name	1° set	2° set	physical interpretation
τ	1	1	Time scale of cytokines
ϵ	0.5	0.5	Diffusion of cytokines
β	1	1	production rate per magrophages
δ	1	1	Release of cytokines per OL
χ	4	15	Chemoattraction
r	6	6	Destructive strength

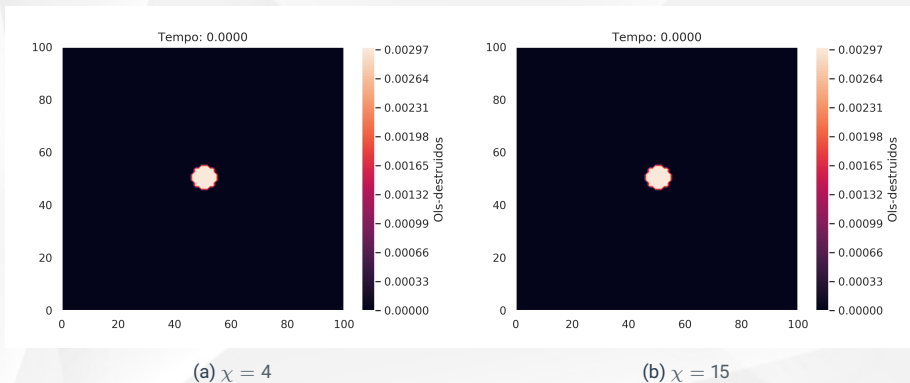


Figure: Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes $t = 0$ day

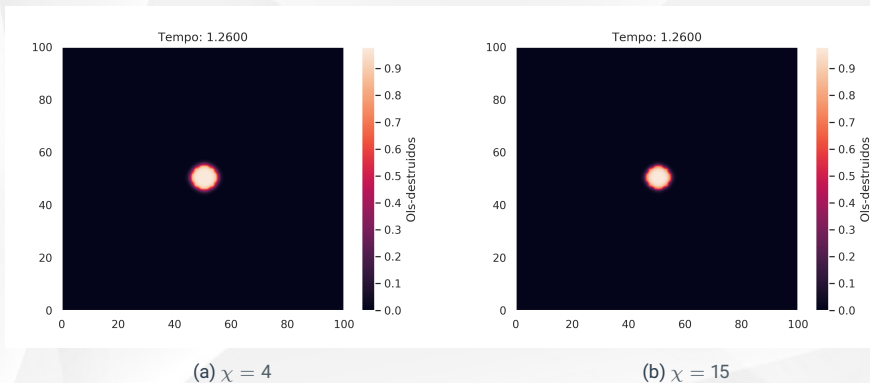
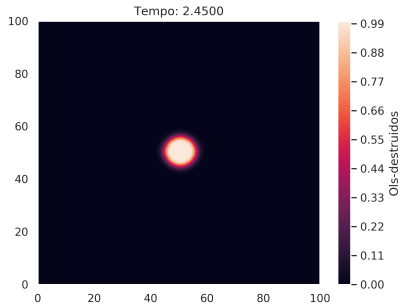
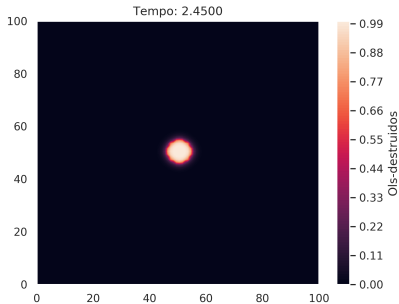


Figure: Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes $t = 1.26$ day



(a) $\chi = 4$



(b) $\chi = 15$

Figure: Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes $t = 2.45$ days

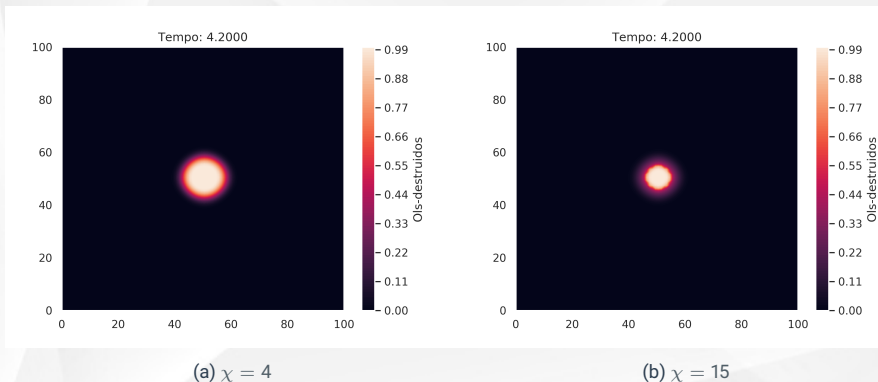


Figure: Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes $t = 4.2$ days

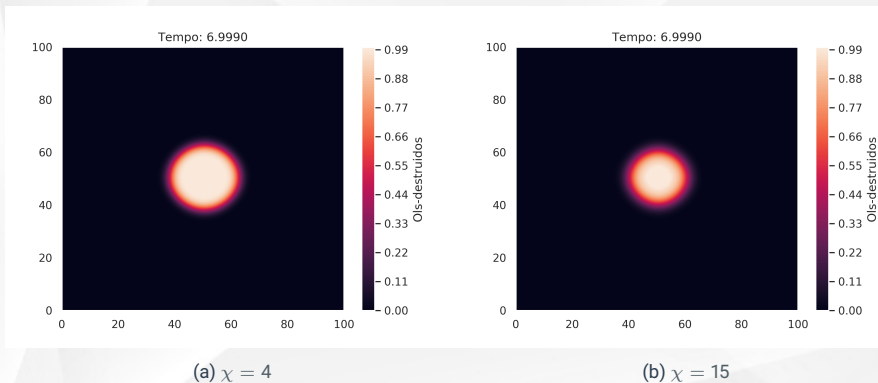


Figure: Comparative density of destroyed oligodendrocytes $t = 7$ days