



On a quasilinear two-species chemotaxis system with general kinetic functions and interspecific competition

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the following two-species chemotaxis system with generalized volume-filling effect and general kinetic functions

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \nabla \cdot (D_1(u)\nabla u) - \nabla \cdot (\chi_1(u)\nabla w) + f_1(u) - \mu_1 a_1 uv, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ v_t = \nabla \cdot (D_2(v)\nabla v) - \nabla \cdot (\chi_2(v)\nabla w) + f_2(v) - \mu_2 a_2 uv, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ \tau w_t = \Delta w - w + g_1(u) + g_2(v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \end{cases}$$

under homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions in a smoothly bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \geq 1$), where a_1, a_2, μ_1, μ_2 are positive constants. When the functions D_i, S_i, f_i, g_i ($i = 1, 2$) belong to C^2 fulfilling some suitable hypotheses, we study the global existence and boundedness of classical solutions for the above system and find that under the case of $\tau = 1$ or $\tau = 0$, either the higher-order nonlinear diffusion or strong logistic damping can prevent blow-up of classical solutions for the problem. In addition, when the functions are replaced to Lotka–Volterra competitive kinetic functional response term and linear signal generations, by constructing some appropriate Lyapunov functionals, we show that the solution convergences to the constant steady state in $L^\infty(\Omega)$ in the case of $a_1, a_2 \in (0, 1)$ or $a_1 \geq 1 > a_2 > 0$ under some more concise conditions than [2], which improved the existing conditions to some extent.

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1. Introduction and main results

Chemotaxis is one of the most important components in the process of reproduction and migration, which describes the partial movement of biological species or cells to the gradient of chemotactic substances. The classic chemotactic model was proposed by Keller and Segel [10] as the following

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \nabla \cdot (D(u)\nabla u - S(u)\nabla v) + f(u), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ v_t = \Delta v - v + g(u), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. In the system (1.1), $u(x, t)$ and $v(x, t)$ represent the density of the population and the concentration of the chemical substance at space x and time t , respectively. $D(u)$ and $S(u)$ are the density-dependent diffusion function and the density-dependent sensitivity function, respectively. The function $f(u)$ is the logistic source and $g(u)$ is the production or consumption of chemical substances. When $f(u) = g(u) = 0$, the asymptotic property of $\frac{S(u)}{D(u)} \simeq u^{\frac{2}{n}}$ is the critical condition for blow-up and global boundedness (see [27, 40]). Further studies even have provided further information in which the respective blow-up phenomenon either can occur within finite time (see [4–6]), or only arises in the sense of an infinite-time grow-up (see [4, 6, 41]). Moreover, some rigorous results of (1.1) are shown that the sub-logistic source $f(u)$ can prevent the blow-up of solutions (see [39, 42]). In addition, more

fruitful results have been obtained for the classical chemotaxis model (1.1) and its variants forms, we refer [3, 8, 11, 22, 28, 37] for further reading.

One of the well-known variants form of (1.1) is the two-species and one-stimuli type, that is, two species respond to the same chemical signaling substance produced by themselves. To describe the movement of two species, the following chemotaxis system

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \nabla \cdot (D_1(u)\nabla u - S_1(u)\nabla w) + f_1(u, v), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ v_t = \nabla \cdot (D_2(v)\nabla v - S_2(v)\nabla w) + f_2(u, v), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ \tau w_t = \Delta w - w + g(u, v), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

was proposed by Tello and Winkler in [29], where $\tau \in \{0, 1\}$. In the system (1.2), $u(x, t)$ and $v(x, t)$ represent the density of different species respectively, and $w(x, t)$ denotes the concentrations of chemical substances. The functions $f_i (i = 1, 2)$ contain the logistic source and interaction between species, and $g(u, v)$ is the production or consumption of chemical substances. So far, most of the conclusions are focused on the Lotka–Volterra case that $f_1(u, v) = \mu_1 u(1 - u - a_1 v)$, $f_2(u, v) = \mu_2 v(1 - v - a_2 u)$ and $g(u, v) = u + v$. Specifically, when the linear case $D_i(s) = 1$ and $S_i(s) = s$ for $i = 1, 2$, in the case of $\tau = 0$, Tello and Winkler obtained the global existence and asymptotic behavior of solutions when $a_1, a_2 \in [0, 1)$ (see [29]). When $a_1 > 1 > a_2 \geq 0$, Stinner et al. proved that the semi-trivial steady state is asymptotically stable (see [25]). In case $\tau = 1$, Bai and Winkler derived the global existence of classical solutions when $n \leq 2$ and asymptotical behavior when the damping terms are suitably strong (i.e., μ_1 and μ_2 are large enough) in [2]; the bounded and asymptotic results are optimized in [16]. Moreover, in the quasilinear case, when $f_i = 0$, it has been proved in [31] that if $D_i(s)$ and $S_i(s)$ satisfy $K_{0i}(s+1)^{l_i-1} \leq D_i(s) \leq K_{1i}(s+1)^{L_i-1}$ and $\frac{S_i(s)}{D_i(s)} \leq K_i(s+1)^{\alpha_i}$, ($i = 1, 2$), then the solutions are globally bounded under the conditions that $0 < \alpha_i < \frac{2}{n}$; and the finite-time blow-up of solution was also obtained. When the functions $D_i, S_i, f_i (i = 1, 2)$ and g satisfy some conditions, Pan and Wang proved that this system possesses a global bounded smooth solution under some specific conditions with or without the logistic functions $f_i(s)$ and further obtain the asymptotic stability for the solutions of system (1.2) (see [21]). More related interesting results can be found in [17, 18, 20, 46]. Furthermore, for results of the system with two-species and two signaling substances, we can refer to [32, 43, 44].

Recently, inspired by the work [42], Li found several explicit conditions involving the kinetic functions f, g , the parameters χ, λ and the initial mass $\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$ to ensure the global-in-time existence and uniform boundedness for a chemotaxis model with indirect signal production and general kinetic function (see [12]). Subsequently, Shan and Zheng applied this idea to a chemotactic model describing the immune system, and obtained some global boundedness results (see [24, 47]).

Motivated by the above works, this paper is concerned with the following two-species chemotaxis system with generalized volume-filling effect and general kinetic functions

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \nabla \cdot (D_1(u)\nabla u) - \nabla \cdot (\chi_1(u)\nabla w) + f_1(u) - \mu_1 a_1 uv, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ v_t = \nabla \cdot (D_2(v)\nabla v) - \nabla \cdot (\chi_2(v)\nabla w) + f_2(v) - \mu_2 a_2 uv, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ \tau w_t = \Delta w - w + g_1(u) + g_2(v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), v(x, 0) = v_0(x), \tau w(x, 0) = w_0(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

where $\tau \in \{0, 1\}$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \geq 1$) is a smoothly bounded domain and u, v, w have the same meanings as in (1.2). The parameters $\mu_i, a_i > 0 (i = 1, 2)$ and nonnegative initial data satisfies

$$u_0 \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}), v_0 \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}), \tau w_0 \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}). \tag{1.4}$$

Firstly, we consider the global boundedness of solutions for (1.3) under the following hypotheses with $i = 1, 2$,

- (S₁) $D_i(s) \geq (s + 1)^{-\alpha_i}$ with $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$;
- (S₂) $\chi_i(s) \leq C_{\chi_i} s(s + 1)^{\beta_i - 1}$ with $C_{\chi_i} \geq 0, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}$;
- (S₃) $f_i(0) \geq 0, \chi_i(0) = g_i(0) = 0$ and $g_i(s), \chi_i(s) > 0$ for all $s > 0$;
- (S₄) $g_i(s) \leq s^{\gamma_i}$ with $\gamma_i > 0$;
- (S₅) D_i, χ_i, f_i, g_i belong to C^2 .

Based on (S₁) – (S₅), our main results of global existence and boundedness are stated as follows.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $\tau = 1, \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$ be a bounded domain with smooth boundary. Assume (S₁) – (S₅) hold. For $i = 1, 2$, if one of the following conditions hold:*

- (i) $f_i \equiv 0$ and $\alpha_i < \min \left\{ \frac{2}{n}, 1 + \frac{2}{n} - \gamma_i - \beta_i \right\}$;
- (ii) $\exists \iota_i^* = \iota_i^*(\beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, C_{\chi_1}, C_{\chi_2}) > 0$ such that $\liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -\frac{f_i(s)}{s^{\max\{1, \beta_i + \gamma_i\}}} \right\} =: \iota_i \in (\iota_i^*, \infty]$,

then system (1.3) possesses a classical solution (u, v, w) , which is uniformly bounded in time.

Remark 1.1. Our results extend the results in [7, 9, 13, 26, 47] from one species to two species. Specifically, when system (1.3) meets linear diffusion and chemosensitivity (i.e., $\alpha_i = 0$ and $\beta_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2$), the condition (i) of Theorem 1.1 indicates that suitable sublinear signal production ($\gamma_i < \frac{2}{n}$ with $n \geq 2$ and $i = 1, 2$) can ensure the uniform boundedness, which is similar to the results for simpler (single-species) Keller-Segel system (see Theorem 1.1 in [13]). When system (1.3) meets linear diffusion and signal production (i.e., $\alpha_i = 0$ and $\gamma_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2$), the condition (i) indicates that suitable sublinear chemoattractant ($\beta_i < \frac{2}{n}$ with $n \geq 2$ and $i = 1, 2$) can ensure the uniform boundedness (see Theorem 4.1 in [9]). Furthermore, when $f_i(s) = S_i - \mu_i s^{k_i}$ with $S_i, \mu_i, k_i > 0$ for $i = 1, 2$, the condition (ii) of Theorem 1.1 indicates that if $\beta_i + \gamma_i < k_i$ or $\beta_i + \gamma_i = k_i$ with μ_i large enough for $i = 1, 2$, then problem (1.3) possesses a unique global classical solution that is bounded in $\Omega \times (0, \infty)$ (see Theorem 1.2 in [26] or Theorem 1.1 in [7]). Moreover, when system (1.3) meets linear chemosensitivity and signal production, the condition (ii) implies that the superquadratic degradation mechanisms or quadratic degradation mechanisms with sufficiently large damping coefficients of species can ensure the uniform boundedness of the solution, while the subquadratic case is still a problem that needs to be developed.

In addition, we get rid of the constraint of $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 \leq 1$ relative to [21], which relies on the Sobolev regularity estimate (Lemma 3.1) and condition $\alpha_i < \frac{2}{n}$ for $i = 1, 2$.

Theorem 1.2. *Let $\tau = 0, \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$ be a bounded domain with smooth boundary, $\gamma = \max \{ \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \}$. Assume (S₁) – (S₅) hold. For $i = 1, 2$, if one of the following conditions hold:*

- (i) $f_i \equiv 0$ and $\alpha_i < 1 + \frac{2}{n} - \gamma - \beta_i$;
- (ii) $\exists \tilde{\iota}_i = \tilde{\iota}_i(\beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, C_{\chi_1}, C_{\chi_2}) > 0$ such that $\liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ -\frac{f_i(s)}{s^{\beta_i + \gamma}} \right\} =: \iota_i \in (\tilde{\iota}_i, \infty]$,

then system (1.3) possesses a classical solution (u, v, w) , which is uniformly bounded in time.

Remark 1.2. Compared with Theorem 1.1, the conditions of Theorem 1.2 have been relatively simplified, thanks to the elliptic properties of the third equation in (1.3). Moreover, Our results extend the results from one species to two species. Specifically, when system (1.3) meets linear diffusion and chemosensitivity, the condition (i) of Theorem 1.2 indicates that suitable sublinear signal production ($\gamma < \frac{2}{n}$ with $n \geq 2$ and $i = 1, 2$) can ensure the uniform boundedness, which is similar to the results for single-species Keller-Segel

system (see Proposition 1.3 in [36] and Theorem 1.1 in [33]). When $f_i(s) = S_i - \mu_i s^{k_i}$ with $S_i, \mu_i, k_i > 0$ for $i = 1, 2$, the condition (ii) of Theorem 1.2 indicates that when $\beta_i + \gamma_i < k_i$ or $\beta_i + \gamma_i = k_i$ with μ_i large enough for $i = 1, 2$, problem (1.3) possesses a uniformly bounded solution (see [35, 45]). In addition, our results highlight the independence of β_i and α_i for $i = 1, 2$ respectively, compared with [23].

After the globally bounded solutions obtained, we next consider the large time behavior of solutions to the system (1.3). First, we taking into account the effects of Lotka–Volterra competitive kinetic functional response term and linear signal generations, i.e., f_i, g_i ($i = 1, 2$) satisfy

$$(S_6) \quad f_i(s) = \mu_i s(1 - s) \text{ and } g_i(s) = s \text{ for all } s > 0.$$

Then, it is easy to obtain that the system (1.3) has four possible constant steady states (u_*, v_*, w_*) :

$$\begin{cases} P_1 \text{ or } P_2 \text{ or } P_3 \text{ or } P_*, & \text{if } a_1, a_2 < 1 \text{ or } a_1, a_2 > 1, \\ P_1 \text{ or } P_2 \text{ or } P_3, & \text{other cases,} \end{cases}$$

where P_1 is the extinction state, P_2 and P_3 are two semi trivial steady states, and P_* is the coexistence steady states with

$$\begin{cases} P_1 := (0, 0, 0), & P_2 := (1, 0, 1), & P_3 := (0, 1, 1) \\ P_* = (u_*, v_*, w_*) := \left(\frac{1-a_1}{1-a_1a_2}, \frac{1-a_2}{1-a_1a_2}, \frac{2-a_1-a_2}{1-a_1a_2} \right). \end{cases}$$

In view of the existing works [2, 14–16], the weakly competitive case ($a_1, a_2 \in [0, 1)$) and the strongly-weakly competitive case ($a_1 \geq 1 > a_2 \geq 0$) have been concerned. Moreover, the case of strong competition ($a_1, a_2 \geq 1$) have been partly given in [20]. Along with the previous work, we further consider weakly competitive and the strongly-weakly competitive cases, and give a more concise result to ensure the asymptotic stability of the solutions in the case of $\tau = 1$ or $\tau = 0$.

Moreover, it follows from Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 that we can find positive constants k_1 and k_2 satisfying

$$k_1 = \max_{0 \leq u \leq \|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}} (u + 1)^{2\beta_1 + \alpha_1 - 2}, k_2 = \max_{0 \leq v \leq \|v\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}} (v + 1)^{2\beta_2 + \alpha_2 - 2}. \tag{1.5}$$

Then, we can get the following results about large time behavior of solutions for (1.3).

Theorem 1.3. (Strongly-weakly competitive case) *Let $\tau = \{0, 1\}$ and the assumption (S_6) hold. Assume that $a_1 \geq 1 > a_2 > 0$. If*

$$\mu_2 > \frac{C^2_{\chi_2}}{8} k_2, \tag{1.6}$$

then the unique global bounded solution (u, v, w) of (1.3) obtained by Theorem 1.1 or 1.2 satisfies

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 1.4. (Weakly competitive case) *Let $\tau = \{0, 1\}$ and the assumption (S_6) hold. Assume that $0 < a_1, a_2 < 1$. If*

$$\mu_2 > \frac{C^2_{\chi_1} u_* \mu_2 (2 - a_2)}{8 a_1 \mu_1} k_1 + \frac{C^2_{\chi_2} v_*}{8} k_2, \tag{1.7}$$

then the unique global bounded solution (u, v, w) of (1.3) obtained by Theorem 1.1 or 1.2 satisfies

$$\|u(\cdot, t) - u_*\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - v_*\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - w_*\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Remark 1.3. Our results in Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 are more concise than the existing results in [2, 14–16], and the condition of Theorem 1.3 is free from the influence of parameters a_1 and a_2 . Specifically, when $a_1 \geq 1 > a_2 > 0$, the conditions in [2] are

$$\mu_2 > \frac{C^2_{\chi_2} v_* (a'_1 + a_2 - 2a'_1 a_2)}{16 a_2 (1 - a'_1 a_2)}. \tag{1.8}$$

for some $a'_1 \in (1, a_1]$ such that $a'_1 a_2 < 1$. It is not hard to get, $\frac{(a'_1 + a_2 - 2a'_1 a_2)}{2a_2(1 - a'_1 a_2)} > 1$ when $a_2 > \frac{1}{2}$ for all $a'_1 > 1$. Therefore, Our results in Theorem 1.3 partly improved the existing work in [2]. For the condition (1.7) in Theorem 1.4, it can be rewritten to $\mu_2 > \frac{C_{x_2}^2 v_*}{8d_*} k_2$, where $d_* := 1 - \frac{C_{x_1}^2 u_*(2 - a_2)}{8a_1 \mu_1} k_1 > 0$ when $\mu_1 > \frac{C_{x_1}^2 u_*(2 - a_2)}{8a_1} k_1$, which implies that if μ_1 is sufficiently large, then the condition of μ_2 can be relaxed accordingly.

The rest of the article is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we give some preliminary lemmas and the local existence of solution for system (1.3). In Sects. 3 and 4, we study the global existence and boundedness of solutions for system (1.3), and prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. In Sect. 5, we study the asymptotic behavior of global solutions for system (1.3), and prove Theorems 1.3 and 1.4. In the following content, we let $u(\cdot, t) = u(x, t)$ and shall use $K_i, C_i (i = 1, 2, \dots)$ to denote a generic positive constant which may vary in the context. Without confusion, the integration sign dx and $dxdt$ will be omitted.

2. Local existence and preliminaries

The following local existence for solutions of the system (1.3) can be obtained by adapting established techniques. The details can be found in [1, 2, 9, 25, 46] and can therefore be omitted here.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\tau \in \{0, 1\}$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$ be a smoothly bounded domain. Assume that the functions D_i, χ_i, f_i and $g_i (i = 1, 2)$ satisfy (S_3) and (S_5) , as well as the nonnegative initial data satisfies (1.4). Then there exist $T_{\max} \in (0, \infty]$ and uniquely determined nonnegative functions*

$$\begin{cases} u, v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T_{\max})) \cap C^{2,1}(\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T_{\max})), \\ w \in C^0(\bar{\Omega} \times [0, T_{\max})) \cap C^{2,1}(\bar{\Omega} \times (0, T_{\max})) \cap L^\infty_{loc}([0, T_{\max}); W^{1,q}(\Omega)) \end{cases}$$

such that (u, v, w) solves problem (1.3) classically in $\Omega \times (0, T_{\max})$, where $q > n$ and T_{\max} is the maximal existence time. Moreover, if $T_{\max} < \infty$, then

$$\sup \{ \|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)} \} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{as } t \nearrow T_{\max}. \tag{2.1}$$

Lemma 2.2. (see [19]) *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 1$ be a bounded domain with smooth boundary, and let $p \geq 1, q \in (0, p)$. Then there exists a constant $C_{GN} > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C_{GN} (\|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^\delta \|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)}^{1-\delta} + \|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)}),$$

where $\delta = \frac{\frac{n}{q} - \frac{n}{p}}{1 - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{q}} \in (0, 1)$.

Lemma 2.3. *Let the conditions in Lemma 2.1 hold and $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$, then there exists $K_1 > 0$ such that the solution components u, v of (1.3) satisfy*

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq K_1 \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \tag{2.2}$$

Proof. Integrating the first two equations in (1.3) with respect to $x \in \Omega$, we end up with

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u + a_1 \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} uv = 0 = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} v + a_2 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} uv,$$

due to $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$. Then, we have

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq \|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \quad \text{and} \quad \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq \|v_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \tag{2.3}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$. □

3. Global boundedness for $\tau = 1$

In this section, with the aid of damping term and diffusion respectively, we study the global boundedness of system (1.3) when $n \geq 1$ and $\tau = 1$. The ideas come from [11, 21, 47]. Firstly, we need the following estimate.

Lemma 3.1. (see Lemma 2.3 in [34]) *Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$ be a smoothly bounded domain, and let $0 \leq t_0 < T_{\max} \leq \infty$ and $p \in (n, +\infty)$. Assume that $z_0 \in W^{2,p}(\Omega)$ with $\partial_\nu z_0 = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ and $h_1, h_2 \in L^p([0, T_{\max}); L^p(\Omega))$. Then the problem*

$$\begin{cases} z_t = \Delta z - z + h_1 + h_2, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T_{\max}), \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu} = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T_{\max}), \\ z(\cdot, 0) = z_0, & x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$

exists a unique solution $z \in W^{1,p}([0, T_{\max}); L^p(\Omega)) \cap L^p([0, T_{\max}); W^{2,p}(\Omega))$ and there exists $C_S(p) > 0$ such that

$$\int_{t_0}^t e^{p\tau} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta z(\cdot, \tau)|^p d\tau \leq C_S(p) \int_{t_0}^t e^{p\tau} \int_{\Omega} (|h_1(\cdot, s)|^p + |h_2(\cdot, s)|^p) d\tau + C_S(p) e^{pt_0} \|\Delta z(\cdot, t_0)\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p$$

for any $t \in (t_0, T_{\max})$.

Next, we establish a priori estimates about u, v , which are of great help to get the main result.

Lemma 3.2. *Let the conditions in Lemma 2.1 hold and $\tau = 1$. For any $p_i > p_i^* := \max\{1, \alpha_i, 1 - \beta_i\}$ and $\epsilon_i > 0$ with $i = 1, 2$, the solution components u, v of (1.3) satisfy*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1} + \frac{4(p_1-1)}{(p_1-\alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u+1)^{\frac{p_1-\alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \epsilon_1 \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_1-1} + M_1(\epsilon_1) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_1} + \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1-1} f_1(u), \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2} + \frac{4(p_2-1)}{(p_2-\alpha_2)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (v+1)^{\frac{p_2-\alpha_2}{2}} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \epsilon_2 \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_2-1} + M_2(\epsilon_2) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_2} + \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2-1} f_2(v), \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where $\tilde{p}_i = \frac{p_i+\beta_i+\gamma_i-1}{\gamma_i}$ and

$$M_i(\epsilon_i) = \frac{\gamma_i}{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1} \left(\epsilon_i \cdot \frac{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1}{p_i + \beta_i - 1} \right)^{\frac{1-p_i-\beta_i}{\gamma_i}} \left(\frac{C_{\chi_i}(p_i-1)}{p_i + \beta_i - 1} \right)^{\frac{p_i+\beta_i+\gamma_i-1}{\gamma_i}}, \tag{3.3}$$

for $i = 1, 2$.

Proof. Testing the first equation in (1.3) by $(u + 1)^{p_1 - 1}$ for $p_1 > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} \\ &= -(p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 2} D_1(u) |\nabla u|^2 + (p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 2} \chi_1(u) \nabla u \cdot \nabla w \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 1} f_1(u). \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Due to (S_1) , (S_2) , $p_1 > \alpha_1$ and $p_1 > 1 - \beta_1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} -(p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 2} D_1(u) |\nabla u|^2 &\leq -(p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p - \alpha_1 - 2} |\nabla u|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{4(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 - \alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u + 1)^{\frac{p_1 - \alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2, \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 2} \chi_1(u) \nabla u \cdot \nabla w &= -(p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} \left(\int_0^u \Gamma(s) ds \right) \Delta w \\ &\leq (p_1 - 1) \int_{\Omega} \left| \int_0^u \Gamma(s) ds \right| |\Delta w| \\ &\leq \frac{C_{\chi_1} (p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 - 1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 - 1} |\Delta w|, \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

where

$$\Gamma(s) = (s + 1)^{p_1 - 2} \chi_1(s) \leq C_{\chi_1} (s + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 - 2}.$$

For the right term of (3.6), since $\gamma_1 > 0$ and $p_1 > 1 - \beta_1$, using the fact $\frac{\gamma_1}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} \in (0, 1)$ and Young's inequality that for any $\epsilon_1 > 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{C_{\chi_1} (p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 - 1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 - 1} |\Delta w| \leq \epsilon_1 \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} + M_1(\epsilon_1) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_1} \tag{3.7}$$

where $\tilde{p}_1 = \frac{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1}{\gamma_1}$ and $M_1(\epsilon_1)$ is defined in (3.3). Then, collecting (3.4), (3.5) and (3.7) that we prove (3.1). Similarly, (3.2) can be obtained by using the same framework. \square

Then, based on the above lemmas, we establish the uniform boundedness of $\|u\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)}$, $\|v\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)}$ under some appropriate parameter conditions.

Lemma 3.3. *Let (u, v, w) be a solution ensured in Lemma 2.1 and the assumptions in Theorem 1.1 hold. Then there exists a positive constant K_2 such that for all $p_1, p_2 > 1$*

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)} \leq K_2 \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \tag{3.8}$$

Proof. Applying Lemma 3.1 to the third equation in (1.3) and combining (S₄), for $i = 1, 2$, there exists $C_S(p_i) > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_i \tau} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w(\cdot, \tau)|^{\tilde{p}_i} d\tau \\
 & \leq C_S(p_i) \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_i \tau} \int_{\Omega} (u^{\gamma_1} + v^{\gamma_2})^{\tilde{p}_i} d\tau + C_S(p_i) e^{\tilde{p}_i t_0} \|\Delta w(\cdot, t_0)\|_{L^{\tilde{p}_i}(\Omega)}^{\tilde{p}_i} \\
 & \leq C_S(p_i) 2^{\tilde{p}_i} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_i \tau} \int_{\Omega} \{(u(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{\tilde{p}_i \gamma_1} + (v(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{\tilde{p}_i \gamma_2}\} d\tau \\
 & \quad + C_S(p_i) e^{\tilde{p}_i t_0} \|\Delta w(\cdot, t_0)\|_{L^{\tilde{p}_i}(\Omega)}^{\tilde{p}_i}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Let $\tilde{p}_1 = \tilde{p}_2$. Next, we divide our proof into the following two parts.

Part 1 We shall deal with the hypothesis (i) in Theorem 1.1 by using the aid of the diffusion when $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$.

For $i = 1, 2$, $\psi_i \in W^{1,2}(\Omega) \cap L^{\frac{2}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)$ and the same p_i in Lemma 3.2, combining Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and Young’s inequality, there exist positive constants C_1^i, C_2^i, C_3^i such that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\tilde{p}_i}{p_i} \int_{\Omega} (\psi_i + 1)^{p_i} &= \frac{\tilde{p}_i}{p_i} \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i}} \\
 &\leq C_1^i \left\| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_1^i} \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i} (1 - \delta_1^i)} \\
 &\quad + C_1^i \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i}} \\
 &\leq C_2^i \left\| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_1^i} + C_2^i \\
 &\leq \frac{2(p_i - 1)}{(p_i - \alpha_i)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right|^2 + C_3^i,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

where $\delta_1^i := \frac{n(p_i - \alpha_i)}{1 - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n(p_i - \alpha_i)}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \in (0, 1)$ and $\frac{2p_i}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_1^i \in (0, 2)$ due to $p_i > 1$ and $\alpha_i < \frac{n}{n}$ with $n \geq 1$.

Moreover, let

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_3^1 &= \epsilon_1 + M_1(\epsilon_1) C_S(p_1) 2^{\tilde{p}_1} + M_2(\epsilon_2) C_S(p_2) 2^{\tilde{p}_2}, \\
 M_3^2 &= \epsilon_2 + M_1(\epsilon_1) C_S(p_1) 2^{\tilde{p}_1} + M_2(\epsilon_2) C_S(p_2) 2^{\tilde{p}_2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

and $p_i > \max \left\{ 2 - \beta_i - \gamma_i, \alpha_i + \frac{n-2}{n}, \frac{n\alpha_i}{2} + \frac{n-2}{2}(\beta_i + \gamma_i - 1) \right\}$ with $i = 1, 2$, combining Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and Young's inequality again, for $i = 1, 2$, there exist positive constants C_4^i, C_5^i, C_6^i such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & M_3^i \int_{\Omega} (\psi_i + 1)^{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1} \\
 &= M_3^i \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i}} \\
 &\leq C_4^i \left\| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_2^i} \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i} (1 - \delta_2^i)} \\
 &+ C_4^i \left\| (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^{\frac{2}{p_i - \alpha_i}}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i}} \\
 &\leq C_5^i \left\| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_2^i} + C_5^i \\
 &\leq \frac{2(p_i - 1)}{(p_i - \alpha_i)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (\psi_i + 1)^{\frac{p_i - \alpha_i}{2}} \right|^2 + C_6^i,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

where $\delta_2^i := \frac{\frac{n(p_i - \alpha_i)}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\frac{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1}{p_i - \alpha_i}} \right)}{1 - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n(p_i - \alpha_i)}{2}} \in (0, 1)$ and $\frac{2(p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1)}{p_i - \alpha_i} \delta_2^i \in (0, 2)$ due to $\alpha_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i < 1 + \frac{2}{n}$ with $n \geq 1$.

Together (3.10), (3.12) with (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + M_3^1 \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} \\
 & \leq \epsilon_1 \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} + M_1(\epsilon_1) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} + \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} + M_3^2 \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} \\
 & \leq \epsilon_2 \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} + M_2(\epsilon_2) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

due to $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$. Integrating (3.13) and (3.14) from t_0 to t yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + (M_3^1 - \epsilon_1) e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} \\
 & \leq M_1(\epsilon_1) e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w(\cdot, \tau)|^{\tilde{p}_1} + \frac{1}{p_1} e^{\tilde{p}_1(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) + (M_3^2 - \epsilon_2) e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} \\ & \leq M_2(\epsilon_1) e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w(\cdot, \tau)|^{\tilde{p}_2} + \frac{1}{p_2} e^{\tilde{p}_2(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

Together (3.15) and (3.16) with (3.9), we obtain that for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$,

$$\frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \leq C_7 \tag{3.17}$$

for some constant $C_7 > 0$ due to $\tilde{p}_1 = \tilde{p}_2$.

Part 2 We deal with the hypothesis (ii) in Theorem 1.1 by using the effect of damping terms. Firstly, it follows from $M_1(\epsilon_1)$ and $M_2(\epsilon_2)$ in (3.3) and simple calculations that $M_3^1(\epsilon_1)$ and $M_3^2(\epsilon_2)$ defined in (3.11) attain the minimum value

$$\min_{\epsilon_1 > 0} M_3^1(\epsilon_1) = \frac{2C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)C_S(p_1)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{p}_1}}}{p_1 + \beta_1 - 1} + \frac{2\gamma_2 C_{\chi_2}(p_2 - 1)C_S(p_2)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{p}_2}}}{(p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1)(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} := M_4^1 \tag{3.18}$$

and

$$\min_{\epsilon_2 > 0} M_3^2(\epsilon_2) = \frac{2C_{\chi_2}(p_2 - 1)C_S(p_2)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{p}_2}}}{p_2 + \beta_2 - 1} + \frac{2\gamma_1 C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)C_S(p_1)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{p}_1}}}{(p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1)(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} := M_4^2 \tag{3.19}$$

respectively, when

$$\epsilon_i = \frac{2C_{\chi_i}(p_i - 1)C_S(p_i)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{p}_i}}}{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1} \tag{3.20}$$

for $i = 1, 2$.

Adding $\frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1}$ and $\frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2}$ to both sides of (3.1) and (3.2), respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} \\ & \leq \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \epsilon_1 \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} + M_1(\epsilon_1) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_1} \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 - 1} f_1(u), \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} + \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} \\ & \leq \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} + \epsilon_2 \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} + M_2(\epsilon_2) \int_{\Omega} |\Delta w|^{\tilde{p}_2} \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 - 1} f_2(v). \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Integrating (3.21), (3.22) from t_0 to t and using (3.9) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \\
 & \leq \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_1} + M_3^1(\epsilon_1) e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} \\
 & \quad + e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1 - 1} f_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) + \frac{1}{p_1} e^{\tilde{p}_1(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_1} \\
 & \quad + \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_2} + M_3^2(\epsilon_2) e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, \tau) + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} \\
 & \quad + e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2 - 1} f_2(v)(\cdot, \tau) + \frac{1}{p_2} e^{\tilde{p}_2(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

due to $\tilde{p}_1 = \tilde{p}_2$. With the ϵ_i in (3.20) for $i = 1, 2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \\
 & \leq e^{-\tilde{p}_1 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_1 \tau} \int_{\Omega} F_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) + e^{-\tilde{p}_2 t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\tilde{p}_2 \tau} \int_{\Omega} F_2(v)(\cdot, \tau) + C_8
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

where $C_8 = \frac{1}{p_1} e^{\tilde{p}_1(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (u(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} e^{\tilde{p}_2(t_0 - t)} \int_{\Omega} (v(\cdot, t_0) + 1)^{p_2}$ and

$$F_i(s) := \frac{\tilde{p}_i}{p_i} (s+1)^{p_i} + M_4^i (s+1)^{p_i + \beta_i + \gamma_i - 1} + (s+1)^{p_i - 1} f_i(s) \tag{3.25}$$

for $i = 1, 2$. Let

$$\iota_1^* = \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1}, & \text{when } \beta_1 + \gamma_1 < 1; \\ \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} + M_4^1, & \text{when } \beta_1 + \gamma_1 = 1; \\ M_4^1, & \text{when } \beta_1 + \gamma_1 > 1, \end{cases} \tag{3.26}$$

and

$$\iota_2^* = \begin{cases} \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2}, & \text{when } \beta_2 + \gamma_2 < 1; \\ \frac{\tilde{p}_2}{p_2} + M_4^2, & \text{when } \beta_2 + \gamma_2 = 1; \\ M_4^2, & \text{when } \beta_2 + \gamma_2 > 1, \end{cases} \tag{3.27}$$

then we can divide the three cases (a) $\beta_1 + \gamma_1 < 1$, (b) $\beta_1 + \gamma_1 = 1$ and (c) $\beta_1 + \gamma_1 > 1$ to deal with F_1 , and F_2 is treated in a similar way. Here we only give the proof of case (a).

If $\beta_1 + \gamma_1 < 1$, it follows from $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ -\frac{f_1(s)}{s} \right\} =: \iota_1 \in (\iota_1^*, \infty]$ for $\iota_1^* = \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1}$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \frac{1}{(s+1)^{p_1}} F_1(s) &= \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} + M_4^1 \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf (s+1)^{\beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} - \iota_1 \\
 &= \frac{\tilde{p}_1}{p_1} - \iota_1 < 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

so that

$$\exists \bar{s}_1 > 0, \text{ s.t. } F_1(s) < 0 \text{ for all } s > \bar{s}_1.$$

Therefore, we further have

$$\int_{\Omega} F_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) = \int_{u \leq \bar{s}_1} F_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) + \int_{u > \bar{s}_1} F_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) \leq \sup_{0 < s \leq \bar{s}_1} F_1(s)|\Omega| < \infty. \tag{3.29}$$

In this similar way, we can also get

$$\int_{\Omega} F_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) < \infty \quad \text{when case (b), (c)} \tag{3.30}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} F_2(v)(\cdot, \tau) < \infty \quad \text{when case (a), (b), (c)} \tag{3.31}$$

under the condition $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ -\frac{f_i(s)}{s^{\max\{1, \beta_i + \gamma_i\}}} \right\} =: \iota_i \in (\iota_i^*, \infty]$ by the definition of ι_i^* in (3.26) and (3.27) with $i = 1, 2$. Combining (3.24) with (3.30) and (3.31), we obtain the existence of positive constant C_9 such that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \leq C_9 \tag{3.32}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$. The proof of Lemma 3.3 is complete. □

By Lemma 3.3, we can complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. By using the well-known $L^p - L^q$ estimate in [38] and selecting the appropriate values for p_1, p_2 in Lemma 3.3, we can obtain the boundedness of $\|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}}$. Then, it follows from Moser iteration technique (Appendix A of [27]) that there exists a constant $K_3 > 0$ independent of t such that

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq K_3,$$

which together with the extension criterion in Lemma 2.1 proves Theorem 1.1.

4. Global boundedness for $\tau = 0$

In this section, we shall prove the global boundedness of solutions for (1.3) in any space dimension when $\tau = 0$. Firstly, we give the coupled estimate of $\int_{\Omega} u^{p_1}$ and $\int_{\Omega} v^{p_2}$ for some suitably large $p_i > 1 (i = 1, 2)$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $\tau = 0$ and (u, v, w) be a solution ensured in Lemma 2.1. Then the solution (u, v, w) satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{4(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 - \alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u + 1)^{\frac{p_1 - \alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} + \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} \\ & \quad + \frac{C_{\chi_1} \gamma_2 (p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1)(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} - \int_{\Omega} f_1(u)(u + 1)^{p_1 - 1} \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2} + \frac{4(p_2-1)}{(p_2-\alpha_2)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (v+1)^{\frac{p_2-\alpha_2}{2}} \right|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{C_{\chi_2}(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2-1)} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_2-1} + \frac{C_{\chi_2}(p_2-1)}{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} \\ & \quad + \frac{C_{\chi_2}\gamma_1(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1)(p_2+\beta_2-1)} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} - \int_{\Omega} f_2(v)(v+1)^{p_2-1} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$, where

$$p_i > \max\{1, 1 - \beta_i, \alpha_i\} \quad \text{with } i = 1, 2. \tag{4.3}$$

Proof. Testing the first equation in (1.3) by $(u+1)^{p_1-1}$, since (S_1) and $p_1 > \alpha_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{p_1} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1} \\ & = \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1-1} \nabla \cdot (D_1(u) \nabla u) - \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1-1} \nabla \cdot (\chi_1(u) \nabla w) - \int_{\Omega} f_1(u)(u+1)^{p_1-1} \\ & \leq \frac{-4(p_1-1)}{(p_1-\alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u+1)^{\frac{p_1-\alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2 + (p_1-1) \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1-2} \chi_1(u) \nabla u \cdot \nabla w \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} f_1(u)(u+1)^{p_1-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Due to $(S_2), (S_4)$ and $p_1 > 1 - \beta_1$, using Young’s inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (p_1-1) \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1-2} \chi_1(u) \nabla u \cdot \nabla w \\ & = (p_1-1) \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varpi(u) \cdot \nabla w \\ & = -(p_1-1) \int_{\Omega} \varpi(u) \cdot \Delta w \\ & \leq (p_1-1) \int_{\Omega} \varpi(u)(u^{\gamma_1} + v^{\gamma_2} - w) \\ & \leq \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1-1)} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1-1} (u^{\gamma_1} + v^{\gamma_2}) \\ & \leq \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1-1)} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_1-1} + \frac{p_1+\beta_1-1}{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\gamma_2}{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

where

$$\varpi(u) = \int_0^u (s + 1)^{p_1-2} \chi_1(s) ds \leq \int_0^u (s + 1)^{p_1+\beta_1-2} ds.$$

Then, collecting (4.4) and (4.5) that we prove (4.1). Similarly, (4.2) can be obtained by using the same framework. \square

Then, based on the above lemmas, we establish the uniform boundedness of $\|u\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)}$, $\|v\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)}$ under some appropriate parameter conditions.

Lemma 4.2. *Let (u, v, w) be a solution ensured in Lemma 2.1 and the assumptions in Theorem 1.2 hold. Then, for all $p_1, p_2 > 1$, there exists a positive constant K_4 such that*

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)} \leq K_4 \quad \text{for all } t \in (0, T_{\max}). \tag{4.6}$$

Proof. Let $p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1$ in Lemma 4.1. Similar to Lemma 3.3, we divide our proof into the following two parts.

Part 1 We shall deal with the hypothesis (i) in Theorem 1.2 by using the aid of the diffusion when $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$. Combining (4.1)–(4.2) and apply Young’s inequality, there exist some constant $C_{10}, C_{11} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} \right\} \\ & + \frac{4(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 - \alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u + 1)^{\frac{p_1 - \alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2 + \frac{4(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 - \alpha_2)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (v + 1)^{\frac{p_2 - \alpha_2}{2}} \right|^2 \\ & \leq C_{10} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma - 1} + C_{11} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma - 1} \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

due to $\gamma = \max\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}$, $p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1$ and $f_i = 0 (i = 1, 2)$. Since $\alpha_i < 1 + \frac{2}{n} - \gamma - \beta_i$ for $i = 1, 2$, using the similar techniques as in (3.12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (C_{10} + 1) \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 - 1} \\ & \leq \frac{4(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 - \alpha_1)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (u + 1)^{\frac{p_1 - \alpha_1}{2}} \right|^2 + \tilde{C}_{10} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (C_{11} + 1) \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_2 - 1} \\ & \leq \frac{4(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 - \alpha_2)^2} \int_{\Omega} \left| \nabla (v + 1)^{\frac{p_2 - \alpha_2}{2}} \right|^2 + \tilde{C}_{11}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{C}_{10}, \tilde{C}_{11}$ are some positive constants. Together them with (4.7) that we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2} \right\} \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma-1} + \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma-1} \\ & \leq C_{12}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

where C_{12} is a positive constant. This along with the ODE comparison argument, we obtain the existence of positive constant C_{13} such that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \leq C_{13} \tag{4.9}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$.

Part 2 We deal with the hypothesis (ii) in Theorem 1.2 by using the effect of damping terms.

Together (4.1) with (4.2) and adding $\int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{\frac{p_1}{2}} + \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{\frac{p_2}{2}}$ to the both sides, since $p_1, p_2 > 1$ and $p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{p_2} \right\} + \int_{\Omega} (u+1)^{\frac{p_1}{2}} + \int_{\Omega} (v+1)^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} \varrho_1(u) + \int_{\Omega} \varrho_2(v), \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_1(u) = & \left(\frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} + \frac{C_{X_2}\gamma_1(p_2-1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1)(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} \right) (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} \\ & + \frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} (u+1)^{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_1-1} + (u+1)^{\frac{p_1}{2}} - f_1(u)(u+1)^{p_1-1} \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_2(v) = & \left(\frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1} + \frac{C_{X_1}\gamma_2(p_1-1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1)(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \right) (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} \\ & + \frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} (v+1)^{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_2-1} + (v+1)^{\frac{p_2}{2}} - f_2(v)(v+1)^{p_2-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

Let $p_i > 2(\beta_i + \gamma - 2)$ ($i = 1, 2$) and

$$\tilde{l}_1 = \begin{cases} \frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} + \frac{C_{X_2}\gamma_1(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1)(p_2+\beta_2-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 < \gamma_2; \\ \frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1} + \frac{C_{X_2}\gamma_1(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1)(p_2+\beta_2-1)} + \frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 = \gamma_2; \\ \frac{C_{X_1}(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 > \gamma_2, \end{cases} \tag{4.13}$$

and

$$\tilde{l}_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} + \frac{C_{X_1}\gamma_2(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1)(p_1+\beta_1-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 > \gamma_2; \\ \frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{p_2+\beta_2+\gamma_1-1} + \frac{C_{X_1}\gamma_2(p_1-1)}{(p_1+\beta_1+\gamma_2-1)(p_1+\beta_1-1)} + \frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 = \gamma_2; \\ \frac{C_{X_2}(p_2-1)}{(p_2+\beta_2-1)}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 < \gamma_2, \end{cases} \tag{4.14}$$

then we can divide the three cases (a) $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$, (b) $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$ and (c) $\gamma_1 > \gamma_2$ to deal with ϱ_1 , and ϱ_2 is treated in a similar way. Here we only give the proof of case (a).

If $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$, then $\gamma = \gamma_2$, it follows from $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ -\frac{f_1(s)}{s^{\beta_1 + \gamma}} \right\} =: \iota_1 \in (\tilde{\iota}_1, \infty]$ for $\tilde{\iota}_1 = \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} + \frac{C_{\chi_2}\gamma_1(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1)(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s + 1)^{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma - 1}} \varrho_1(s) &= \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} + \frac{C_{\chi_2}\gamma_1(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1)(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} \\ &+ \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} (s + 1)^{\gamma_1 - \gamma_2} - \iota_1 \\ &< 0, \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

so that

$$\exists \bar{s}_2 > 0, \text{ s.t. } \varrho_1(s) < 0 \text{ for all } s > \bar{s}_2.$$

Therefore, we further have

$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) = \int_{u \leq \bar{s}_2} \varrho_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) + \int_{u > \bar{s}_2} \varrho_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) \leq \sup_{0 < s \leq \bar{s}_2} \varrho_1(s) |\Omega| < \infty. \tag{4.16}$$

In this similar way, we can also get

$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho_1(u)(\cdot, \tau) < \infty \quad \text{when case (b), (c)} \tag{4.17}$$

and

$$\int_{\Omega} \varrho_2(v)(\cdot, \tau) < \infty \quad \text{when case (a), (b), (c)} \tag{4.18}$$

under the condition $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ -\frac{f_i(s)}{s^{\beta_i + \gamma}} \right\} =: \iota_i \in (\tilde{\iota}_i, \infty]$ by the definition of $\tilde{\iota}_i$ in (4.13) and (4.14) with $i = 1, 2$. Combining this with (4.10), we obtain the existence of positive constant C_{14} such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2} \right\} + \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{\frac{p_1}{2}} + \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{\frac{p_2}{2}} \leq C_{14} \tag{4.19}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$. This along with the Lemma 5.1 in Chapter III of [30], we obtain the existence of positive constant C_{15} such that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} (u + 1)^{p_1}(\cdot, t) + \frac{1}{p_2} \int_{\Omega} (v + 1)^{p_2}(\cdot, t) \leq C_{15} \tag{4.20}$$

for all $t \in (0, T_{\max})$. The proof of Lemma 4.2 is complete. □

Remark 4.1. When $\beta_i \geq 0$ with $i = 1, 2$, for any $p_i > 0$, it is interesting that (4.13) and (4.14) can be simplified to

$$\tilde{\iota}_1 = \begin{cases} C_{\chi_1}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 < \gamma_2; \\ 2C_{\chi_1}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 = \gamma_2; \\ C_{\chi_1}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 > \gamma_2, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\iota}_2 = \begin{cases} C_{\chi_2}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 > \gamma_2; \\ 2C_{\chi_2}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 = \gamma_2; \\ C_{\chi_2}, & \text{when } \gamma_1 < \gamma_2, \end{cases} \tag{4.21}$$

due to $p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1$, and the condition (ii) in Theorem 1.2 can be changed into $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ -\frac{f_i(s)}{s^{\beta_i + \gamma}} \right\} =: \iota_i \in [\tilde{\iota}_i, \infty]$. In the other hand, when $\beta_i < 0$, since the continuity and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p_1, p_2 \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1} + \frac{C_{\chi_2}\gamma_1(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1)(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} \right\} &= C_{\chi_1}, \\ \lim_{p_1 \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{C_{\chi_1}(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \right\} &= C_{\chi_1}, \\ \lim_{p_1, p_2 \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{C_{\chi_2}(p_2 - 1)}{p_2 + \beta_2 + \gamma_1 - 1} + \frac{C_{\chi_1}\gamma_2(p_1 - 1)}{(p_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_2 - 1)(p_1 + \beta_1 - 1)} \right\} &= C_{\chi_2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{p_2 \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{C_{\chi_2}(p_2 - 1)}{(p_2 + \beta_2 - 1)} \right\} = C_{\chi_2},$$

(4.13) and (4.14) can also be simplified to (4.21) such that the condition (ii) in Theorem 1.2 is reasonable for sufficiently large p_1, p_2 .

By Lemma 4.2, we can complete the proof of Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. applying the elliptic estimate to the third equation in (1.3) and combining Sobolev embedding theorem, we obtain

$$\|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)} \leq C_{16}\|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{2,p}(\Omega)} \leq C_{17}\|u(\cdot, t) + v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C_{18} \tag{4.22}$$

for some positive constants C_{16}, C_{17}, C_{18} . Then, using Moser iteration technique (Appendix A of [27]), there exists a constant $K_5 > 0$ independent of t such that

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|v(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|w(\cdot, t)\|_{W^{1,\infty}} \leq K_5,$$

which together with the extension criterion in Lemma 2.1 proves Theorem 1.2.

5. Asymptotic behavior

In this section, we show the asymptotic behavior of solutions by constructing the proper Lyapunov functionals under some assumptions to prove Theorems 1.3 and 1.4, separately. To achieve our goals and apart from constructing the energy functionals, we first give the following key lemma

Lemma 5.1. (see [2]) *Let (u, v, w) be a nonnegative global bounded classical solution of (1.3) with initial data (u_0, v_0, w_0) satisfying (1.4). Then there exist $\theta \in (0, 1)$ and $K_6 > 0$ such that*

$$\|u\|_{C^{2+\theta, 1+\frac{\theta}{2}}(\bar{\Omega} \times [t, t+1])} + \|v\|_{C^{2+\theta, 1+\frac{\theta}{2}}(\bar{\Omega} \times [t, t+1])} + \|w\|_{C^{2+\theta, 1+\frac{\theta}{2}}(\bar{\Omega} \times [t, t+1])} \leq K_6 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 1.$$

In addition, Let $f(t) : (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a nonnegative and uniformly continuous function that satisfies $\int_1^\infty f(t)dt < \infty$. Then, $f(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

5.1. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Lemma 5.2. *Let $\tau = 1$ and (u, v, w) is global bounded solution of (1.3). Suppose that $\rho_1, \rho_2 > 0$ are arbitrary, then the function*

$$E_1(t) := \int_{\Omega} u + \rho_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - 1 - \ln v) + \frac{\rho_2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} E_1(t) \\ & \leq -(\mu_1 - \rho_1\mu_2) \int_{\Omega} u^2 - (\mu_1 a_1 + \rho_1\mu_2 a_2 - 2\rho_1\mu_2) \int_{\Omega} uv - (2\rho_1\mu_2 - \mu_1 - \rho_1\mu_2 a_2) \int_{\Omega} u \\ & \quad - \left(2\rho_1\mu_2 - \frac{k_2\rho_1 C_{\chi_2}^2}{4} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 - \rho_1\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (u + v - w)^2 - \rho_1\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

for all $t > 0$ when $\rho_2 = 2\rho_1\mu_2$, where k_2 is defined in (1.5).

Proof. Let $A(t), B(t)$ and $D(t)$ be defined as

$$A_1(t) := \int_{\Omega} u, \quad B_1(t) := \int_{\Omega} (v - 1 - \ln v) \quad \text{and} \quad G_1(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2.$$

From the first equation in (1.3) and (S₆), by a straightforward calculation that

$$\frac{d}{dt} A_1(t) = -\mu_1 \int_{\Omega} u^2 + \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} u(1 - a_1 v) \tag{5.2}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} G_1(t) = - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)(u + v - w). \tag{5.3}$$

Together with (S₁), (S₂) and (S₆), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} B_1(t) &= - \int_{\Omega} D_2(v) \frac{|\nabla v|^2}{v^2} + \int_{\Omega} \frac{S_2(v)}{v^2} \nabla v \cdot \nabla w + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (v - 1)(1 - v - a_2 u) \\ &\leq \frac{C_{\chi_2}^2}{4} k_2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (v - 1)(1 - v - a_2 u) \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

by using Young’s inequality and the definition of k_2 in (1.5). For arbitrary $\rho_1, \rho_2 > 0$, a direct linear combination (5.2)+ $\rho_2 \times$ (5.3)+ $\rho_1 \times$ (5.4), the consequence thus obtained then reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E_1(t) &\leq - \left(\mu_1 - \frac{\rho_2}{2} \right) \int_{\Omega} u^2 - (\mu_1 a_1 + \rho_1\mu_2 a_2 - \rho_2) \int_{\Omega} uv - \left(\rho_2 - \frac{k_2\rho_1 C_{\chi_2}^2}{4} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\rho_2}{2} u^2 + \rho_1\mu_2 v^2 + \frac{\rho_2}{2} w^2 - \rho_2 uv - \rho_2 vw + \rho_2 uw \right) - \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\rho_2}{2} w^2 - \rho_2 w + \rho_1\mu_2 \right) \\ &\quad - (2\rho_1\mu_2 - \rho_2) \int_{\Omega} v - (\rho_2 - \mu_1 - \rho_1\mu_2 a_2) \int_{\Omega} u. \end{aligned}$$

Then, let $\rho_2 = 2\rho_1\mu_2$, it immediately complete the proof of this lemma. □

Next we will use the energy functional constructed in Lemma 5.2 to obtain the large time behavior of solutions to (1.3) when $a_1 \geq 1 > a_2 > 0$.

Lemma 5.3. *Suppose that the conditions in Theorem 1.3 hold and $\tau = 1$, then there exist some $\rho_1, \sigma_1 > 0$ such that the functions*

$$E_1(t) := \int_{\Omega} u + \rho_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - 1 - \ln v) + \rho_1 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2$$

and

$$F_1(t) := \int_{\Omega} u^2 + \int_{\Omega} (v + u - w)^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2$$

fulfill

$$E_1'(t) \leq -\sigma_1 F_1(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0. \tag{5.5}$$

Proof. Since $a_1 \geq 1$ and $a_2 < 1$, we have

$$\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2(2 - a_2)} \leq \frac{\mu_1 a_1}{\mu_2(2 - a_2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2(2 - a_2)} < \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}, \tag{5.6}$$

which ensures the existence of ρ_1 satisfying

$$\rho_1 < \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_1 \in \left[\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2(2 - a_2)}, \frac{\mu_1 a_1}{\mu_2(2 - a_2)} \right] \tag{5.7}$$

such that $\mu_1 - \rho_1 \mu_2 > 0$ and $\min \{ \mu_1 a_1 + \rho_1 \mu_2 a_2 - 2\rho_1 \mu_2, 2\rho_1 \mu_2 - \mu_1 - \rho_1 \mu_2 a_2 \} \geq 0$. Therefore, by choosing suitable ρ_1 and combining (1.6), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_1(t) \leq -(\mu_1 - \rho_1 \mu_2) \int_{\Omega} u^2 - \rho_1 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (u + v - w)^2 - \rho_1 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2. \tag{5.8}$$

□

Lemma 5.4. *Suppose that the conditions in Theorem 1.3 hold and $\tau = 0, \tau = 1$, then there exist some $\rho_1, \sigma_2 > 0$ such that the function*

$$E_2(t) := \int_{\Omega} u + \rho_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - 1 - \ln v)$$

fulfills

$$E_2'(t) \leq -\sigma_2 F_1(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0, \tag{5.9}$$

where $F_1(t)$ is same in Lemma 5.3.

Proof. Testing the third equation in (1.3) by $w - 1$, we deduce that

$$0 = - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)(u + v - w), \tag{5.10}$$

then by a direct linear combination (5.2) + $2\rho_1 \mu_2 \times$ (5.10) + $\rho_1 \times$ (5.4) and choosing the ρ_1 satisfying (5.6), we can complete the proof of Lemma 5.4 through the same steps as in Lemma 5.3. □

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Because of $s - 1 - \ln s \geq 0$ for all $s > 0$, $E_1(t), E_2(t)$ are nonnegative. Integrating (5.5) or (5.9) over $(0, t)$ and letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} u^2 + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (v + u - w)^2 + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (w - 1)^2 \leq K_7$$

with some $K_7 > 0$. Therefore, combining this with Lemma 5.1 then yields

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) + u(\cdot, t) - w(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

this implies

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Invoking the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality to find $K_8 > 0$ fulfilling

$$\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq K_8 \|\varphi\|_{W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)}^{n/(n+2)} \|\varphi\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{2/(n+2)} \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega).$$

Applying the above Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality to u, v, w for $t > 0$, and using Lemma 5.1, we conclude that

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence the proof of Theorem 1.3 is completed.

5.2. Proof of Theorem 1.4

Lemma 5.5. *Let $\tau = 1$ and (u, v, w) is global bounded solution of (1.3). Suppose that $\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2 > 0$ are arbitrary, then the function*

$$E_3(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star - u_\star \ln \frac{u}{u_\star}) + \varsigma_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - v_\star - v_\star \ln \frac{v}{v_\star}) + \frac{\varsigma_2}{2} \int_{\Omega} (w - w_\star)^2$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E_3(t) &\leq -(\mu_1 - \varsigma_1 \mu_2) \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star)^2 - (\mu_1 a_1 + \varsigma_1 \mu_2 a_2 - 2\varsigma_1 \mu_2) \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star)(v - v_\star) \\ &\quad - \left(2\varsigma_1 \mu_2 - \frac{k_1 u_\star C_{\chi_1}^2}{4} - \varsigma_1 \frac{k_2 v_\star C_{\chi_2}^2}{4} \right) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 - \varsigma_1 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (u + v - w)^2 \\ &\quad - \varsigma_1 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - w_\star)^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

for all $t > 0$ when $\varsigma_2 = 2\varsigma_1 \mu_2$, where k_1, k_2 are defined in (1.5).

Proof. Let $A_2(t), B_2(t)$ and $G_2(t)$ be defined as

$$A_2(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star - u_\star \ln \frac{u}{u_\star}), \quad B_2(t) := \int_{\Omega} (v - v_\star - v_\star \ln \frac{v}{v_\star}) \quad \text{and} \quad G_2(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (w - w_\star)^2.$$

Together with $(S_1), (S_2)$ and (S_6) , by using Young's inequality and the definitions of k_1, k_2 in (1.5) that we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} A_2(t) &= -u_\star \int_{\Omega} D_1(u) \frac{|\nabla u|^2}{u^2} + \int_{\Omega} \frac{u_\star S_1(u)}{u^2} \nabla u \cdot \nabla w + \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star)(1 - u - a_1 v) \\ &\leq \frac{C_{\chi_1}^2}{4} k_1 u_\star \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 - \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star)^2 - a_1 \mu_1 \int_{\Omega} (u - u_\star)(v - v_\star) \end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_2(t) \leq \frac{C_{\chi_2}^2}{4} k_2 v_\star \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 - \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (v - v_\star)^2 - a_2 \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (v - v_\star)(u - u_\star) \tag{5.13}$$

as well as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}G_2(t) &= - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*) (u + v - w) \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 - \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*)^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*) (u - u_*) + \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*) (v - v_*). \end{aligned} \tag{5.14}$$

For some $\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2 > 0$, a direct linear combination (5.12)+ $\varsigma_1 \times$ (5.13)+ $\varsigma_2 \times$ (5.14) and let $\varsigma_2 = 2\varsigma_1\mu_2$, it immediately obtain (5.11) due to $u_* + v_* - w_* = 0$. \square

Next we will use the energy functional constructed in Lemma 5.5 to obtain the large time behavior of solutions to (1.3) for $a_1, a_2 < 1$.

Lemma 5.6. *Suppose that the conditions in Theorem 1.4 hold and $\tau = 1$, let $\varsigma_1 := \frac{a_1\mu_1}{\mu_2(2-a_2)}$, then there exists $\sigma_3 > 0$ such that the functions*

$$E_3(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u - u_* - u_* \ln \frac{u}{u_*}) + \varsigma_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - v_* - v_* \ln \frac{v}{v_*}) + \varsigma_1\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*)^2$$

and

$$F_2(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u - u_*)^2 + \int_{\Omega} (v + u - w)^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*)^2$$

fulfill

$$E_3'(t) \leq -\sigma_3 F_2(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0. \tag{5.15}$$

Proof. Since $a_1, a_2 < 1$, we have

$$\varsigma_1 = \frac{a_1\mu_1}{\mu_2(2-a_2)} < \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}, \tag{5.16}$$

which ensures that $\mu_1 - \varsigma_1\mu_2 > 0$ and $\mu_1 a_1 + \varsigma_1\mu_2 a_2 - 2\varsigma_1\mu_2 = 0$. Therefore, by choosing this ς_1 and combining (1.7), we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}E_3(t) \leq -(\mu_1 - \varsigma_1\mu_2) \int_{\Omega} (u - u_*)^2 - \varsigma_1\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (u + v - w)^2 - \varsigma_1\mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*)^2. \tag{5.17}$$

\square

Lemma 5.7. *Suppose that the condition in Theorem 1.4 hold and $\tau = 0$, let $\varsigma_1 := \frac{a_1\mu_1}{\mu_2(2-a_2)}$, then there exists $\sigma_4 > 0$ such that the function*

$$E_4(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u - u_* - u_* \ln \frac{u}{u_*}) + \varsigma_1 \int_{\Omega} (v - v_* - v_* \ln \frac{v}{v_*})$$

fulfills

$$E_4'(t) \leq -\sigma_4 F_2(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0, \tag{5.18}$$

where $F_2(t)$ is same in Lemma 5.6.

Proof. Testing the third equation in (1.3) by $w - w_*$, we deduce that

$$0 = - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 + \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*) (u + v - w), \tag{5.19}$$

then by a direct linear combination (5.12)+ $\varsigma_1 \times$ (5.13) + $2\varsigma_1\mu_2 \times$ (5.19), we can complete the proof of Lemma 5.7 through the same steps as in Lemma 5.6. \square

We are now in the position to prove our main result.

Proof of Theorem 1.4. Firstly, we show the nonnegativity of $E_3(t), E_4(t)$. Let $y(s) := s - u_* \ln s$ for $s > 0$. By applying Taylor's formula, there exists $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} y(u) - y(u_*) &= y'(u_*) \cdot (u - u_*) + \frac{1}{2} y''[\sigma u + (1 - \sigma)u_*] \cdot (u - u_*)^2 \\ &= \frac{u_*}{2[\sigma u + (1 - \sigma)u_*]^2} (u - u_*)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \Omega$ and $t > 0$, which implies that $A_2(t) = \int_{\Omega} (y(u) - y(u_*)) \geq 0$. Similarly, we can obtain $B_2(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. Thus, $E_3(t)$ and $E_4(t)$ are nonnegative. Integrating (5.15) or (5.18) over $(0, t)$ and letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (u - u_*)^2 + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (v + u - w)^2 + \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (w - w_*)^2 \leq K_8$$

with some $K_8 > 0$. combining this with Lemma 5.1 then yields

$$\|u(\cdot, t) - u_*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) + u(\cdot, t) - w(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - w_*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

this implies

$$\|u(\cdot, t) - u_*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - v_*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - w_*\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Applying the above Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality to u, v, w for $t > 0$, and using Lemma 5.1, we conclude that

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|v(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|w(\cdot, t) - 1\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence the proof of Theorem 1.4 is completed.

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