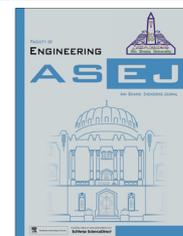




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# Peristaltic transport of a Jeffrey fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid in an inclined channel

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**Abstract** The peristaltic flow of a Jeffrey fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid in an inclined symmetric channel is analyzed under the assumptions of long wavelength and low Reynolds number. The channel is inclined at angle of  $\beta$  with the horizontal. This model is useful to understand the two fluid flow behaviors in physiological systems. The velocity field, stream function, interface shape, pressure rise and frictional force at the wall over one cycle of wavelength are obtained and the results are shown graphically. It is observed that the variation of the interface shape gives rise to thinner peripheral region with increasing Jeffrey parameter  $\lambda_1$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Peristalsis is well known to physiologists to be one of the major mechanisms for fluid transport in many biological systems. This mechanism occurs in food transport through esophagus, movement of chyme in the gastrointestinal tract, transport of lymph in the lymphatic vessels, vasomotion of small blood vessels and urine transport from kidney to bladder through the ureter. In practical peristaltic pumps are designed by engineers for pumping corrosive fluids without contact with the walls of

the pumping machinery. Applying a wave frame of reference, Jaffrin and Shapiro [1] made a detailed analysis on the peristaltic pumping of a viscous fluid under long wavelength and low Reynolds number assumptions. The fixed frame analysis of peristaltic flow of generalized Newtonian fluid with the influence of heat and mass transfer has been presented by Vajravelu et al. [2].

Among several non-Newtonian fluid models proposed for biofluids, Jeffrey model is one of the simplest non-Newtonian fluid models accepted by the researchers. Hayat et al. [3] analyzed the peristaltic transport of a compressible Jeffrey fluid in a circular tube. Kothandapani and Srinivas [4] studied the effect of magnetic field on the peristaltic transport of a Jeffrey fluid in an asymmetric channel. Nadeem and Akbar [5] studied the peristaltic flow of an incompressible Jeffrey fluid with variable viscosity in an asymmetric channel. Pandey and Tripathi [6] discussed the peristaltic transport of a Jeffrey fluid in a circular tube as well as in a channel. Kavitha et al. [7] presented the peristaltic transport of a Jeffrey fluid in

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a porous channel with suction and injection. Many studies have been carried out for the peristaltic transport of a Jeffrey fluid [8–12].

It is observed in some physiological systems such as esophagus, small blood vessels and ureter, the wall structure doing the pumping is typically coated with a fluid of different properties from those of the fluid being pumped. In order to understand the effect of fluid coating on the transport, the single fluid analysis of peristaltic pumping is extended to two fluid analysis by including peripheral layer of different viscosity. Such an analysis was first done by Shukla et al. [13] for channel and axisymmetric geometries. For non-uniform axisymmetric tubes, Srivastava et al. [14] made an important contribution in peristaltic pumping. Brasseur et al. [15] analyzed the influence of a peripheral layer of different viscosity on peristaltic pumping with Newtonian fluids. Ramachandra Rao and Usha [16] discussed the pumping of two immiscible viscous fluids in a circular tube. The interface between the two layers is determined from a transcendental equation in the core radius. Vajravelu et al. [17] studied peristaltic pumping of a Herschel–Bulkley fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid. Vajravelu et al. [18] studied Peristaltic transport of a Casson fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid in a circular tube with permeable wall. Narahari and Sreenadh [19] presented the peristaltic transport of a Bingham fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid. Hari Prabakaran et al. [20] analyzed the peristaltic pumping of a Bingham fluid in contact with Newtonian fluid in an inclined channel. All these authors have specified the interface shape.

Motivated by the above studies, we propose to study the peristaltic pumping of a Jeffrey fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid in an inclined channel. The velocity field, the stream function and the pressure rise over one cycle of wavelength are obtained.

## 2. Mathematical formulation and solution

Consider the peristaltic transport of a biofluid consisting of two immiscible and incompressible fluids of different viscosities  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  occupying the core by a Jeffrey fluid and peripheral layer by a Newtonian fluid in an inclined channel. The channel is inclined at angle of  $\beta$  with the horizontal. The half width of the channel is  $a$ . The wall deformation due to the propagation of an infinite train of peristaltic waves is given by

$$Y = H(X, t) = a + b \sin \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(X - ct) \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength,  $b$  is the amplitude and  $c$  is the wave speed.

The subsequent deformation of the interface separating the core and the peripheral layers is denoted by  $Y = H_1(X, t)$  (Fig. 1) which is not known a priori.

### 2.1. Equations of motion

Under the assumptions that the channel length is an integral multiple of the wavelength  $\lambda$ , the pressure difference across the ends of the channel is a constant and the periodicity of the interface is same as that of the peristaltic wave. The flow becomes steady in the wave frame  $(x, y)$  moving with the veloc-

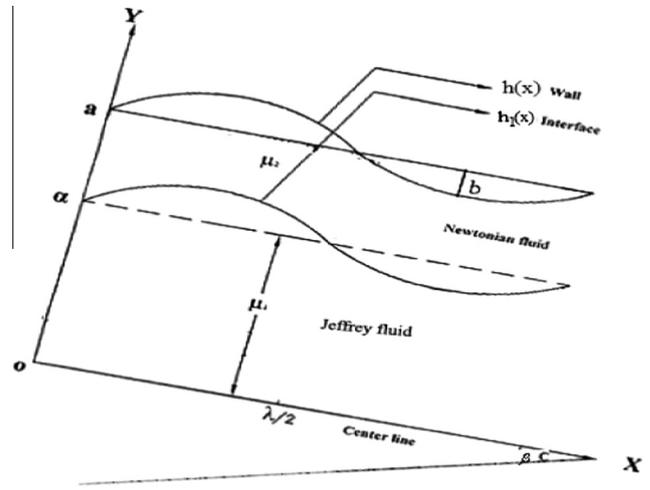


Figure 1 Physical model.

ity  $c$  away from the fixed frame  $(X, Y)$  called laboratory frame. The transformation between these two frames is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= X - ct, \quad y = Y, \quad u(x, y) = U(X - ct, Y) - c, \quad v(x, y) \\ &= V(X - ct, Y), \quad p(x) = P(X, t), \quad \psi = \Psi - Y \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi$  and  $\Psi$  are the stream functions in the wave and laboratory frames respectively. Using the non-dimensional quantities,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \frac{x}{\lambda}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{y}{a}, \quad \bar{h} = \frac{h}{a}, \quad \bar{h}_1 = \frac{h_1}{a}, \quad \bar{t} = \frac{ct}{\lambda}, \\ \bar{P} &= \frac{Pa^2}{\mu_1 \lambda c}, \quad \bar{\phi} = \frac{b}{a}, \quad \bar{S} = \frac{a}{\mu_1 c} S, \quad \bar{\psi}^{(i)} = \frac{\psi^{(i)}}{ac}, \quad \bar{q} = \frac{q}{ac}, \\ \bar{F} &= \frac{Fa}{\mu_1 \lambda c}, \quad \bar{u}^{(i)} = \frac{u^{(i)}}{c} = \frac{\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial \bar{y}}, \quad \eta = \frac{\rho g a^2}{c \mu_1}, \\ \bar{v}^{(i)} &= \frac{v^{(i)} \lambda}{ac} = \frac{-\partial \psi^{(i)}}{\partial \bar{x}} \quad (i = 1, 2), \\ \bar{\mu} &= \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq \bar{y} \leq \bar{h}_1 \\ \mu \left( = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right), & \bar{h}_1 \leq \bar{y} \leq \bar{h} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $\bar{u}^{(i)}$  and  $\bar{v}^{(i)}$  are the  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  components of velocities in the wave frame.

The equations governing the flow of Jeffrey fluid in core region (for details see Kavitha et al. [7]) and Newtonian fluid in peripheral region in wave frame analysis under the long wavelength and low Reynolds number assumptions are (dropping the bars)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda_1)} \frac{\partial^2 \psi^{(1)}}{\partial y^2} \right] + \eta \sin \beta = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \quad (4)$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left[ \mu \frac{\partial^2 \psi^{(2)}}{\partial y^2} \right] + \eta \sin \beta = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \quad (6)$$

The dimensionless boundary conditions are

$$\psi^{(1)} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\psi_{,yy}^{(1)} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$\psi^{(2)} = q = \text{Constant at } y = h \tag{9}$$

$$\psi^{(1)} = \psi^{(2)} = q_1 = \text{Constant at } y = h_1 \tag{10}$$

$$\psi_y^{(2)} = -1 \quad \text{at} \quad y = h \tag{11}$$

where  $q$  and  $q_1$  are the total and the core fluxes respectively across any cross section in the wave frame. Further the velocity and the shear stress are continuous across the interface. The peripheral layer flux is given by  $q_2 = q - q_1$ . It follows from the incompressibility of the fluids that  $q$ ,  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are independent of  $x$ . The average non-dimensional volume flow rate  $\bar{Q}$  over one period  $T(= \frac{2}{\alpha})$  of the peristaltic wave is defined as

$$\bar{Q} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^h (u + 1) dy dt = q + 1 \tag{12}$$

The stream function is obtained by applying the boundary conditions (7) to (11) together with the boundary conditions at the ends of the channel given by specifying  $\bar{Q}$  or the pressure difference  $\Delta P$  across one wavelength.

2.2. Solution

Solving Eqs. (4-6) together with the boundary conditions (7) to (11) we obtain the stream function in the core and peripheral layers as

$$\psi^{(1)} = -y + \left[ \frac{3y(q+h)F_2 - \mu(1+\lambda_1)(q+h)y^3}{2F_3} \right] \tag{13}$$

for  $0 \leq y \leq h_1$

$$\psi^{(2)} = -y + (q+h) + \left[ \frac{9(q+h)h^2y - 3(q+h)y^3 - 6(q+h)h^3}{6F_3} \right] \tag{14}$$

for  $h_1 \leq y \leq h$

The axial pressure gradient is obtained from (4) or (6) as

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{-3\mu(q+h)}{F_3} + \eta \sin \beta \tag{15}$$

2.3. The equation of the interface

The interface is also a streamline as seen from the boundary condition (10). For a given geometry of the wave and the time averaged flux  $\bar{Q}$ , the unknown interface  $h_1(x)$  is solved from (14) using the boundary condition (10). Substituting (10) in (14) we get the algebraic equation governing the interface  $h_1(x)$  as

$$2[(1+\lambda_1)\mu - 1]h_1^4 - [(q+h)[2\mu(1+\lambda_1) - 3] + 2(1-\mu(1+\lambda_1))q_1]h_1^3 - [h^3 + 3qh^2]h_1 + 2q_1h^3 = 0 \tag{16}$$

where  $q$  and  $q_1$  are independent of  $x$ .

We use the following condition to obtain  $q_1$ .

$h_1 = \alpha$  at  $x = 0$  in Eq. (16), we get

$$q_1 = \frac{\bar{Q}(2\mu(1+\lambda_1) - 3)\alpha^3 + (3\bar{Q} - 2)\alpha - 2(\mu(1+\lambda_1) - 1)\alpha^4}{2((1 - (1+\lambda_1)\mu)\alpha^3 + 1)} \tag{17}$$

2.4. The pumping characteristics

Integrating Eq. (15) with respect to  $x$  over one wavelength, we get the pressure rise (drop) over one cycle of the wave as

$$\Delta p = -3\mu(\bar{Q} - 1)I_1 - 3\mu I_2 + \eta \sin \beta I_3 \tag{18}$$

where

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{F_3}, \quad I_2 = \int_0^1 \frac{h}{F_3} dx, \quad I_3 = \int_0^1 dx$$

The dimensionless frictional force  $F$  at the wall across one wavelength is given by

$$F = \int_0^1 -h \frac{dp}{dx} dx \tag{19}$$

3. Results and discussions

The shape of the interface for different  $\lambda_1$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.7, \phi = 0.4$  and  $\mu = 0.1$  is shown in Fig. 2. We observe that the variation of the interface shape gives rise to thinner peripheral region with increasing  $\lambda_1$ . The shape of the interface for different  $\mu$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$  is depicted in Fig. 3. The variation of the interface shape for low viscosity ratios gives rise to a thicker peripheral layer in the dilated region.

The shape of the interface for different  $\phi$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.5, \lambda_1 = 0.1$  and  $\mu = 0.1$  is shown in Fig. 4. We observe that the variation of the interface shape gives rise to thinner peripheral region with increasing  $\phi$ .

The variation of pressure rise with time averaged flux is calculated from Eq. (18) for different values of  $\lambda_1$  with  $\phi = 0.4, \alpha = 0.5, \beta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \eta = 1$  and  $\mu = 0.1$  is shown in Fig. 5. For  $0 \leq \bar{Q} \leq 0.2$  we observe that  $\Delta P$  decreases with increase in  $\lambda_1$  and increases in the rest of the region.

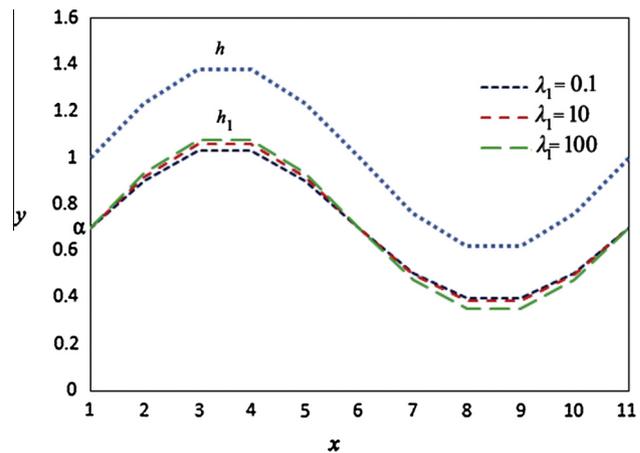
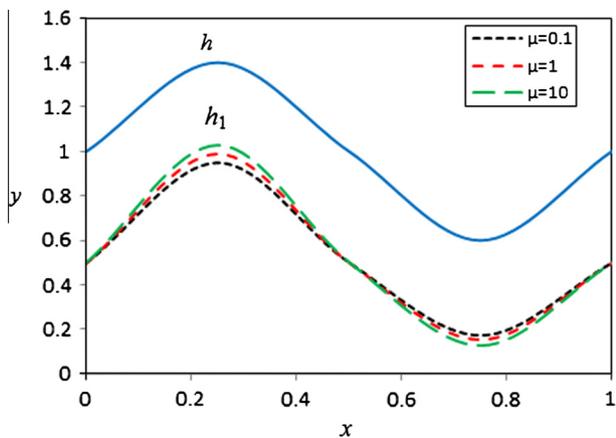
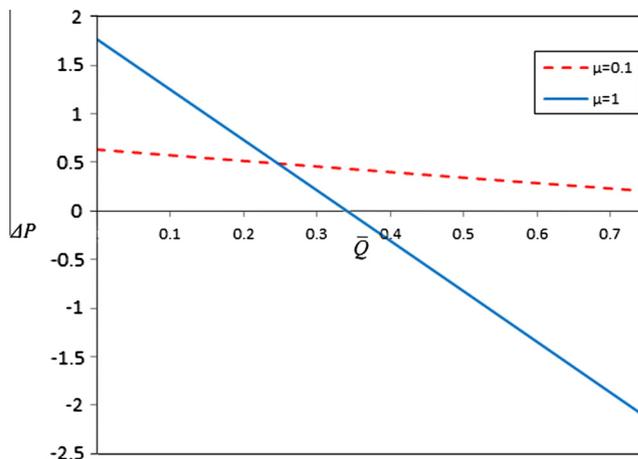


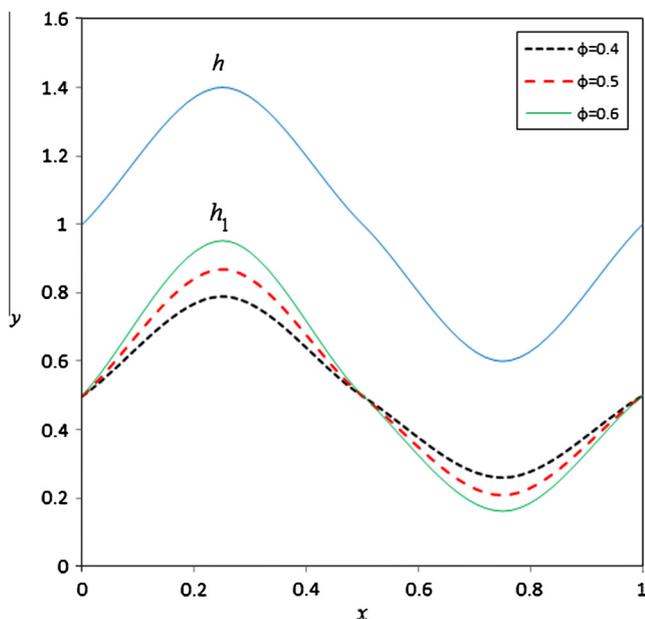
Figure 2 The variation of shape of interface for different values of  $\lambda_1$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.7, \phi = 0.4$  and  $\mu = 0.1$ .



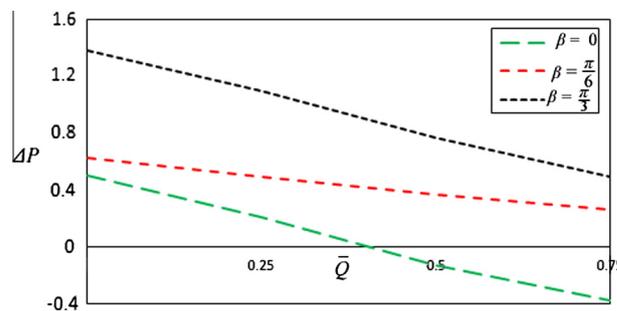
**Figure 3** The variation of shape of interface for different values of  $\mu$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ .



**Figure 6** The variation of  $\Delta P$  with  $\bar{Q}$  for different values of  $\mu$  with  $\alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4, \beta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \eta = 1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ .



**Figure 4** The variation of shape of interface for different values of  $\phi$  with  $\bar{Q} = 0.1, \alpha = 0.5, \mu = 0.1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$ .



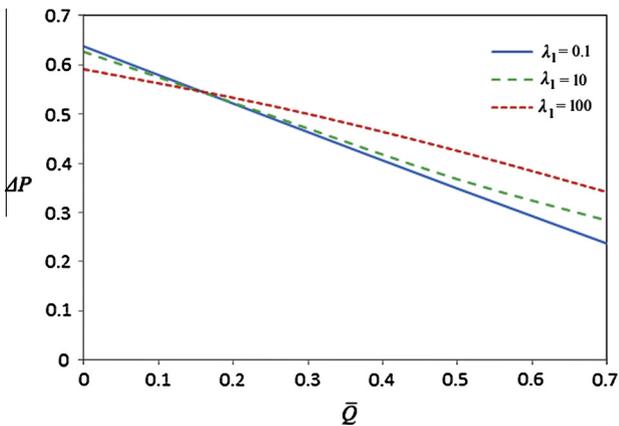
**Figure 7** The variation of  $\Delta P$  with  $\bar{Q}$  for different values of  $\beta$  with  $\alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4, \mu = 0.1, \eta = 1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 10$ .

The variation of pressure rise with time averaged flux is calculated from Eq. (18) for different values  $\mu$  with  $\alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4, \beta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \eta = 1$  and  $\lambda_1 = 0.1$  and is shown in Fig. 6. We observe that  $\Delta P$  increases with increase in  $\mu$  for  $0 \leq \bar{Q} \leq 0.25$  and decreases in the rest of the region. Further, the variation of pressure rise with time averaged flux is shown in Fig. 7. It is found that as the angle of inclination  $\beta$  increases the  $\Delta P$  also increases.

#### 4. Conclusions

In this paper, we study the peristaltic pumping of a Jeffrey fluid in contact with a Newtonian fluid in an inclined symmetric channel under the assumptions of long wavelength and low Reynolds number. The variation of time-averaged flux with pressure rise and the interface shape is obtained. Some of the interesting findings in this analysis are

1. The variation of the interface shape gives rise to thinner peripheral region with increasing the Jeffrey fluid parameter  $\lambda_1$ .
2. The interface shape for low viscosity ratios gives rise to a thicker peripheral – layer in the dilated region.
3. For time-averaged flux  $0 \leq \bar{Q} \leq 0.2$ , the pressure rise  $\Delta P$  decreases with increasing Jeffrey fluid parameter  $\lambda_1$  and increases in the rest of the region.



**Figure 5** The variation of  $\Delta P$  with  $\bar{Q}$  for different values of  $\lambda_1$  with  $\alpha = 0.5, \phi = 0.4, \beta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \eta = 1$  and  $\mu = 0.1$ .

4. The pressure rise  $\Delta P$  increases with the increase in angle of inclination  $\beta$ .

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