

# Modeling the Effects of Inflammation in Bone Fracture Healing

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## Abstract

A new mathematical model is presented to study the early inflammatory effects in bone healing. It consists of a system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations that represents the interactions among macrophages, mesenchymal stem cells, and osteoblasts. A qualitative analysis of the model is performed to determine the equilibria and their corresponding stability properties. There are three equilibria which represent the successful healing, nonunion, and dead tissue. A set of numerical simulations is presented to support the theoretical results. The model is also used to numerically monitor the evolution of a broken bone for different types of fractures and to explore possible treatments to accelerate bone healing by administering anti-inflammatory drugs.

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