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Microbic flow analysis of nano fluid with chemical reaction in microchannel with flexural walls under the effects of thermophoretic diffusion

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The current investigation examines the peristaltic flow, in curved conduit, having complaint boundaries for nanofluid. The effects of curvature are taken into account when developing the governing equations for the nano fluid model for curved channels. Nonlinear & coupled differential equations are then simplified by incorporating the long wavelength assumption along with smaller Reynolds number. The homotopy perturbation approach is used to analytically solve the reduced coupled differential equations. The entropy generation can be estimated through examining the contributions of heat and fluid viscosities. The results of velocity, temperature, concentration, entropy number, and stream functions have been plotted graphically in order to discuss the physical attributes of the essential quantities. Increase in fluid velocity within the curved conduit is noticed for higher values of thermophoresis parameter and Brownian motion parameter further entropy generation number is boosted by increasing values of Grashof number.

Biomechanics uses mathematical modelling to investigate medical science-related problems. The movement of bodily fluids within living beings are depicted by biofluid mechanics, a branch of biomechanics. The liquid stream in the blood vessels/respiratory tract/lymphatic and gastro-intestinal systems/urinary tract, and many other physiological systems are tracked and investigated with advanced biofluid mechanics. Recent discoveries are crucial for therapeutic applications include the development of artificial organs, improved vascular vessels, medical equipment design, and material membranes for orthopaedics, among others. Similar bioliquid transport mechanisms may be observed throughout the human body in a variety of contexts. The most prominent of these is peristalsis, which serves as the foundation for the current research. Peristalsis flow was initially discussed and framed by Latham¹. Shapiro² investigated peristaltic pumping by taking into consideration inertia-free flow in a tube with flexible boundaries by considering small wave number (peristaltic wavelength is larger than tube width). The experimental results Shapiro gave corroborated Latham's findings. According to existing literature, peristaltic activity within compliant nature boundary geometries have not been yet analysed for various kinds of fluids whether Newtonian/non-Newtonian. The ability of compliant coatings to reduce drag has captivated scientists and engineers. Compliance in physiological systems of humans is the capacity of tubular organs to resist returning to their initial position. The peristaltic flows of Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids in channels or tubes with compliant limits are the subject of some fascinating studies. Mitra and Prasad³ investigated how wall characteristics affected peristaltic motion in a channel. They came to the conclusion that mean flow reversal occurs in the channel's centre and edges. The flow of viscous fluid in thin pipes with elastic walls was explored by Camenschi⁴ and Camenschi and Sandru⁵. A mathematical model was put up by Carew and Pedley⁶ to investigate fluid flow and wall deformation in the human ureter. The stability study of channel flow between compliant boundaries was reported by Davies and Carpenter⁷. Further studies⁸⁻¹⁵ provide an overview of some recent investigations.

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Significance of heat transfer cannot be ignored in industrial and medical applications. Research is particularly vital in the domain of heat transport in the human body. Biomedical engineers have become interested in bio-heat transmission in tissues for thermo-therapy¹⁶ and the thermal- regulation system of humans¹⁷. Humans transport heat through a variety of mechanisms, including metabolic heat production, arterial oxygenation and venous blood via porous tissue, and tissue conduction. The additional applications include vasodilation, dilution procedure to examine blood flow, and eradication of unwanted cancer tissues. Heat transmission becomes important in oxygenation and hemodialysis in relation to peristalsis. Heat transmission in peristaltically produced flows was the subject of research by several scientists. Mass transfer research is important in relation to heat transfer, particularly in reaction and separation engineering. Drying, energy channeling in damp cooling towers, water surfaces evaporation, and the flow in dessert coolers are just a few examples of the many uses for combined heat and mass transfer. Simultaneous occurrence of heat and mass transfer develops complex relation between the fluxes and the driving potentials. Energy flux due to concentration gradient is termed as thermal diffusion or Dufour effect whereas mass flux geneerated by temperature gradient is known as Soret effect. Although mass diffusion through heat and heat diffusion via concentration gradient are viewed as being of a lower order of magnitude when compared to influences resulting from Fouriers or Ficks law, there are circumstances in which such effects cannot be disregarded. For instance, the thermal diffusion phenomenon is used for isotope separation, and the diffusion-thermo effect needs to be present in mixtures of gases with high molecular weight (H_2, H_3) He) and medium molecular weight $(H_2, air)^{18}$. Furthermore, when nutrients diffuse from blood arteries to the surrounding tissues, blood flow throughout the human body simultaneously involves heat/mass transference. Ogulu¹⁹ analyzed the heat production effects on the fluid flow with small Reynolds number and mass transport in a lymphatic vessel under the influence of uniform magnetic field. Entropy, which is frequently interpreted as a measure of disorder or of the movement towards thermodynamic equilibrium, can be taken as distinct number of ways a thermodynamic system may be arranged in thermodynamics. Pakdemirli and Yilbas²⁰ address non-Newtonian liquid flow via pipe system with entropy generation. They propose that as the Brinkman number grows, the entropy number does as well. The rate of entropy formation for a peristaltic pump was discussed by Souidi et al.²¹. You can examine a few current articles on the subject by using the references^{22–33}.

Entropy generation for peristaltic flow in a curved channel with complaint walls is not yet inspected so far. Therefore, to fill the void, we have presented the entropy generation analysis via curved conduit with complaint walls with peristaltic activity because thermodynamic analysis of entropy generation in peristaltic fow through a curved channel with compliant walls has applications in biomedical devices, Implications for energy efficiency in microfluidic systems, Applications in drug delivery system, Lab-on-a-chip devices, Implications for energy efficiency in industrial pumps etc. The lubrication assumption is integrated in the flow equations. The reduced coupled differential equations are solved analytically with the help of homotopy perturbation method. The entropy generation is computed by evaluation of thermal and fluid viscosities contribution. The physical features of pertinent parameters have been discussed by plotting the graphs of velocity, temperature, concentration, entropy number and stream functions.

Mathematical formulation

The flow of an incompressible nanofluid in two dimensions through a curved conduit with uniform thickness 2*a* is taken into consideration. The flexible channel walls can be compared to a complaint nature that is subjected to the imposition of a travelling wave with lower amplitudes. Defining R^* as the radius of curvature and $(\overline{N}, \overline{S}, \overline{Z})$ as the respective cross-stream, downstream, and perpendicular directions, the course of flow through conduit is originated via small amplitude *b* oscillating waves moving on the edge of the bendable walls of conduit see Fig. 1. The walls geometry mathematical expression is as follows:

$$H(\overline{S},\overline{t}) = a + b \sin\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(\overline{S} - c\overline{t})\right], \text{ upper wall}$$
(1)



Figure 1. Geometry of the problem.

$$-H(\overline{S},\overline{t}) = -a - b \sin\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(\overline{S} - c\overline{t})\right]. \text{ lower wall}$$
(2)

The wave speed and wave length are indicated in the equations above by the letter *c* and λ , respectively. Let \overline{V} / \overline{U} stand for the cross and down-stream velocity components, respectively. The following equations described the motion, energy, and nanoparticle volume fraction for curved channels²⁶.

$$\frac{R^*}{\overline{N}+R^*}\frac{\partial}{\partial\overline{N}}\left(\frac{(\overline{N}+R^*)}{R^*}\overline{V}\right) + \frac{R^*}{\overline{N}+R^*}\frac{\partial\overline{U}}{\partial\overline{S}} = 0,$$
(3)

$$\rho_f \left(\frac{\partial \overline{V}}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{V} \frac{\partial \overline{V}}{\partial \overline{N}} + \frac{R^* \overline{U}}{\overline{N} + R^*} \frac{\partial \overline{V}}{\partial \overline{S}} - \frac{\overline{U}^2}{\overline{N} + R^*} \right) = -\frac{\partial \overline{P}}{\partial \overline{N}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{N}} (\overline{\tau}_{\overline{NN}}) + \frac{R^*}{\overline{N} + R^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{S}} (\overline{\tau}_{\overline{NS}}) - \frac{\overline{\tau}_{\overline{SS}}}{\overline{N} + R^*},$$
(4)

$$\rho_{f}\left(\frac{\partial \overline{U}}{\partial \overline{t}} + \overline{V}\frac{\partial \overline{U}}{\partial \overline{N}} + \frac{R^{*}\overline{U}}{\overline{N} + R^{*}}\frac{\partial \overline{U}}{\partial \overline{S}} + \frac{\overline{U}\overline{V}}{\overline{N} + R^{*}}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{R^{*}}{\overline{N} + R^{*}}\frac{\partial \overline{P}}{\partial \overline{S}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{N}}(\overline{\tau}_{\overline{NS}}) + \frac{R^{*}}{\overline{N} + R^{*}}\frac{\partial}{\partial \overline{S}}(\overline{\tau}_{\overline{SS}})$$

$$+ \rho g \alpha (\overline{T} - T_{0}) + \rho g \alpha (\overline{C} - C_{0}), \qquad (5)$$

$$(\rho c)_f \frac{d\overline{T}}{d\overline{t}} = \kappa \nabla^2 \overline{T} + (\rho c)_p \left[D_B \nabla \overline{C} \cdot \nabla \overline{T} + \frac{D_T}{T_0} \nabla \overline{T} \cdot \nabla \overline{T} \right] + \overline{\tau} . \overline{L}, \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{d\overline{C}}{d\overline{t}} = D_B \nabla^2 \overline{C} + \frac{D_T}{T_0} \nabla^2 \overline{T}.$$
(7)

In the above equations, the symbol \overline{P} stands for pressure while $\overline{V}/\overline{U}$ depict velocity elements in cross $(\overline{N})/down$ (\overline{S}) stream directions respectively. The following are the defined boundary conditions for a symmetric channel with compliant walls:

$$\overline{U} = 0 \text{ at } \overline{N} = \pm H = \pm \left[a + b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left(\overline{S} - c\overline{t}\right)\right) \right],\tag{8}$$

$$\frac{R^*}{\overline{N}+R^*}\frac{\partial}{\partial\overline{S}}L(H) = \frac{R^*}{\overline{N}+R^*}\frac{\partial\overline{P}}{\partial\overline{S}} \text{ at } \overline{N} = \pm H,$$
(9)

$$\overline{T} = T_0, \overline{C} = C_0 \text{ on } \overline{N} = -H,$$
(10)

$$\overline{T} = T_1, \overline{C} = C_1 \text{ on } \overline{N} = H.$$
(11)

Here fluid density is shown via ρ_f , viscosity through μ_f and $(\rho c)_f$ shows heat capacitance. In addition, $(\rho c)_p$ is the nano-particle heat capacity, *k* defines thermal conductance ability whereas D_B and D_T are Brownian motion/ thermophoretic coefficients respectively. Moreover,

$$L = B \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \overline{S}^4} - \sigma \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \overline{S}^2} + m \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + K,$$
(12)

where *B* and portray flexural rigidity and longitudinal temsion/width repectively whereas *m*, *C* and *K* show the mass/Area, viscous damping coefficient and spring stiffness respectively. Introducing the link between the velocity stream function and the following non-dimensional variables.

$$s = \frac{\overline{S}}{\lambda}, n = \frac{\overline{N}}{a}, u = \frac{\overline{U}}{c}, v = \frac{\overline{V}}{c}, t = \frac{c\overline{t}}{\lambda}, k = \frac{R^*}{a}, \text{Re} = \frac{\rho_f ca}{\mu}, \varepsilon = \frac{b}{a}, \alpha = \frac{\kappa}{(\rho c)_f},$$

$$\delta = \frac{a}{\lambda}, P = \frac{a^2 \overline{P}}{c\mu\lambda}, \theta = \frac{\overline{T} - T_1}{T_0 - T_1}, \sigma = \frac{\overline{C} - C_1}{C_0 - C_1}, G_r = \frac{g\alpha a^2 (T_0 - T_1)}{vc}, \gamma = \frac{\mu c^2}{(T_1 - T_0)\alpha(\rho c)_f},$$

$$E_4 = -\frac{\sigma a^3}{\lambda^3 \mu c}, E_1 = \frac{mca^3}{\lambda^3 \mu}, E_2 = \frac{Ca^3}{\lambda^2 \mu}, E_3 = \frac{Ba^3}{\mu c\lambda^5}, E_5 = \frac{Ka^3}{\mu c\lambda}, B_r = \frac{g\alpha a^2 (C_0 - C_1)}{vc},$$

$$N_b = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_B C_0}{\alpha(\rho c)_f}, N_t = \frac{(\rho c)_p D_T T_0}{\alpha(\rho c)_f}, u = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}, v = \delta \frac{k}{n+k} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial s}.$$
(13)

Equation (3) is identically satisfied. Invoking lubrication assumption into Eqs. (4–11), following dimensionless form is obtained.

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial n} = 0, \tag{14}$$

$$\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right)\frac{\partial P}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial n}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k}\right) + G_r\theta + B_r\sigma,\tag{15}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} + N_b \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} + N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n}\right)^2 + 2\gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k}\right) = 0, \tag{16}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left[(n+k) \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} \right] + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left[(n+k) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} \right] = 0, \tag{17}$$

$$u = 0$$
, at $n = \pm h = \pm [1 + \varepsilon \sin(s - t)]$, (18)

$$\left(\frac{k}{n+k}\right)\frac{\partial P}{\partial s} = \left[E_1\frac{\partial^3 h}{\partial t^2 \partial s} + E_2\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t \partial s} + E_3\frac{\partial^5 h}{\partial s^5} + E_4\frac{\partial^3 h}{\partial s^3} + E_5\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}\right] \text{ at } n = \pm h,$$
(19)

$$\theta = 1, \sigma = 1 \text{ at } n = -h, \tag{20}$$

$$\theta = 0, \sigma = 0 \text{ at } n = h. \tag{21}$$

Mathematical solution

We create the following homotopy equations for linked nonlinear differential Eqs. (14–21) to be solved by HPM.

$$H(u,p) = (1-p) \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial n^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u_{01}}{\partial n^2} \right] + p \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k} \right) + G_r \theta + B_r \sigma - \frac{k}{(n+k)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial s} \right] = 0,$$
(22)

$$H(\theta, p) = (1-p) \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{01}}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \theta_{01}}{\partial n} \right) \right] + p \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} + N_b \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} + N_t \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} \right)^2 + \gamma \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k} \right) \right] = 0,$$
(23)

$$H(\sigma, p) = (1-p) \left[\frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{01}}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \sigma_{01}}{\partial n} \right) \right] + p \left[\frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial n} + \frac{N_t}{N_b} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial n^2} + \frac{1}{n+k} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial n} \right) \right] = 0.$$
(24)

Using

$$u = u_0 + pu_1 + p^2 u_2 + \cdots, (25)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + p\theta_1 + p^2\theta_2 + \cdots, \qquad (26)$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 + p\sigma_1 + p^2\sigma_2 + \cdots \tag{27}$$

Incorporation of Eqs. (25–27) into Eqs. (22–24) along with considered boundary conditions (18–21), the solutions can be directly written as when $p \rightarrow 1$. The drawn out solutions are graphically discussed in next section in detail. The following formula, developed by Pakdemirli and Yilbas²⁰, has been used to calculate the expression for the EGN (i.e. entropy generation number):

$$N_s = \left(\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial n}\right)^2 + 2\gamma\theta_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k}\right). \tag{28}$$

In (28), the Ist term on the R.H.S. of Eq. is the result of heat generation and can be presented as N_{S1} , and the 2nd term shows viscous dissipation as N_{S2} , i.e.

$$N_{s_1} = \left(\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial n}\right)^2,\tag{29}$$

$$N_{s_2} = 2\gamma \theta_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{n+k} \right).$$
(30)

Result analysis

The visual findings of significant parameters for velocity, temperature, concentration, entropy, heat generation, and viscous dissipation are discussed in this section. Figure 2a, b are the graphs for fluid velocity. It is observed that the fluid velocity enhances within the curved channel by raising the values of N_h and N_t respectively. Moreover, the channel curvature and complaint wall properties play vital role in the reduction of fluid speed within the curved channel. For all the parameters fluid attains maximum velocity in the middle region of the curved channel. Figure 3a-c displays the plots for temperature and concentration profiles. It is noted that the increase in curve-ness of the channel raise the temperature and concentration of nano particles suspended in the fluid. The increase in thermophoresis parameter N_t contributes in decreasing the concentration of nano particles while increasing the temperature profile. Figure 3c shows the effect of local nano particle Grashof number G_r and heat dissipation parameter γ . The raise in values of both parameters reduces nano particle temperature respectively. Figure 4a–d are graphical results for entropy generation number $N_{\rm S}$. These graphical results indicate that increasing values of B_r , G_r and γ boost entropy generation number. The rasing values of N_t , N_b and k contributes in reducing entropy generation number in the inner half of the channel whereas near the outer half of the channel entropy generation number raises with increasing values of these parameters respectively. Moreover, N_S is plotted against B_r in Fig. 4d to study N_S behavior at different radial distances within the channel. It is concluded that the entropy generation number increases as radial distance increases in the central region of the curved channel. Heat generation $N_{\rm S1}$ effect are shown in Fig. 5a, b. It is seen that the increase in heat dissipation parameter γ , minimize the heat generation. Also in the middle section of the curved channel, heat generation decreases via enhancing radial distance. Viscous dissipation effect are plotted in Fig. 6a, b. Heat dissipation parameter γ as well as Br contributes in reducing viscous dissipation respectively. It is also noticed that in the central region of the curved channel viscous dissipation raises with increasing radial distance. Streamlines are plotted for different values of curvature parameter k in Fig. 7a, b. It is observed that the increase in k increases number of closed



Figure 2. (a, b) Velocity profile.



Figure 3. (a-c) Temperature and concentration profile.

streamlines. Additionally, the trapping bolus is visible in the channel's outermost section. The streamlines for various values of G_r are shown in Fig. 8a, b. It is noted that the increase in value of G_r changes the orientation of the trapping bolus i.e. from round to oval. Moreover, number of closed streamlines reduces with increasing values of G_r . Table 1 gives numerical values of velocity, temperature, and concentration profile for different values of flow parameters. Table 2 gives numerical values of entropy generation for different flow parameters.

Conclusion

The current research investigates about the peristaltic flow of nano-liquid through curved flexiable channel in the presence of Brownian motion and thermophoresis. Main findings of the study are listed below:

- Increase in fluid velocity within the curved conduit is noticed for higher values of N_b and N_t respectively.
- Entropy generation number is boosted by increasing values of B_r , G_r and γ .
- Streamlines get closed as we increase the curvature of channel.



Figure 4. (a-d) Variation of entropy generation number N_S .



Figure 5. (a, b) Variation of heat generation Ns₁.







Figure 7. (**a**, **b**) Streamlines for different of *k*.



Figure 8. (a, b) Streamlines for different of G_r .

n	k	u(n, s)	$\theta(n, s)$	<i>C</i> (<i>n</i> , <i>s</i>)	n	N _t	u(n, s)	$\theta(n,s)$	<i>C</i> (<i>n</i> , <i>s</i>)
- 1.0	1.1	0.000	1.000	1.000	- 1.0	0.1	0.000	1.000	1.000
- 0.4	-	0.059	0.354	0.305	- 0.4	-	0.092	0.545	0.492
0.4	-	0.038	0.099	0.081	0.4	-	0.071	0.170	0.143
1.0	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.0	-	0.000	0.000	0.000
-	1.2	0.000	1.000	1.000	-	0.4	0.000	1.000	1.000
-	-	0.070	0.442	0.388	-	-	0.108	0.693	0.361
-	-	0.047	0.129	0.106	-	-	0.086	0.278	0.075
-	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	-	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 1. Numerical values of velocity, temperature and concentration profile for different values *k* and N_t when: $N_b = 0.2$, $G_r = 0.3$, $\gamma = 0.5$, $\theta_0 = 1$, $\varepsilon = 0.1$, $B_r = 0.2$, s = 0.5, t = 0.01, $E_1 = 0.1$, $E_2 = 0.2$, $E_3 = 0.3$, $E_4 = 0.4$, $E_5 = 0.5$.

n	k	Ns	N_{s_1}	N_{s_2}	n	k	Ns	N_{s_1}	N_{s_2}
- 1.0	4	0.377	0.377	0.119	- 1.0	10	0.306	0.325	0.148
- 0.4	-	0.253	0.012	0.008	- 0.4	-	0.224	0.007	0.01
0.4	-	0.217	0.476	0.028	0.4	-	0.250	0.454	0.028
1.0	-	0.210	0.815	0.043	1.0	-	0.261	0.950	0.045
-	7	0.322	0.338	0.142	-	13	0.298	0.319	0.151
-	-	0.232	0.008	0.012	-	-	0.220	0.007	0.014
-	-	0.241	0.463	0.028	-	-	0.255	0.449	0.027
-	-	0.245	0.912	0.045	-	-	0.269	0.970	0.045

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Table 2. Numerical values of entropy generation number for different values k when: N_b = 0.2, G_r = 0.3, \gamma = 0.5, \theta_0 = 1, \varepsilon = 0.1, B_r = 0.2, s = 0.5, t = 0.01, E_1 = 0.1, E_2 = 0.2, E_3 = 0.3, E_4 = 0.4, E_5 = 0.5.
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Data availability

The datasets used and/or analyzed during the current study available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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