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# Modeling and simulation of blood flow under the influence of radioactive materials having slip with MHD and nonlinear mixed convection



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**Abstract** Radioactive materials are widely in industry, nuclear plants and medical treatments. Scientists and workers in these fields are mostly exposed to such materials, and adverse effects on blood and temperature profiles are observed. In this regard, objective of the current study is to model and simulate blood based nanofluid with three very important radioactive materials, named as Uranium dioxide ( $UO_2$ ), Thorium dioxide ( $ThO_2$ ) and Radium ( $Rd$ ). In this modeling blood based nanofluid is considered under the influence of magneto hydrodynamic effect, non-linear mixed convection and thermal radiation, Joule heating, along with velocity and temperature slip. A three-dimensional fluid model is considered in bounded domain to justify flow geometry in arteries. System of partial differential equations are converted to highly nonlinear coupled ordinary differential equations by using suitable transformations. The obtained system is solved numerically using Fehlberg Runge–Kutta algorithm. Validity and convergence of the obtained solutions are confirmed through residual errors, numerical uncertainties and comparison with experimental data. Moreover, effect of pertinent fluid parameters on the velocity (radial, axial, tangential) and temperature profiles of blood flow are analyzed graphically. Furthermore, Skin friction and Nusselt number are also analyzed graphically against volume fraction of involved radioactive materials for the case of  $UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$  comparatively. Analysis reveals that increase in volume fraction of radioactive elements results in increased blood flow through walls in both radial and tangential

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**Nomenclature**

$(u, v, w)$	Velocity components	$\sigma_f, \sigma_{nf}$	Electrical conductivity
$(r, \phi, z)$	Cylindrical coordinates	$k_f, k_{nf}$	Effective thermal conductivity
$T$	Fluid temperature	$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	linear, non-linear thermal expansion
$T_1, T_2$	Temperature of lower wall, upper wall	$q_r$	Radiative heat flux
$\gamma_1, \gamma_2$	Velocity, temperature slip factor	$M$	Magnetic interaction parameter
$w_0$	Suction/Injection in $z$ -direction	$Pr, Ec$	Prandtl number, Eckert number
$l$	Distance between the walls	$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$	Linear, non-linear mixed convection parameters
$f, nf, s$	base fluid, nanofluid, solid nanoparticle quantity	$\theta_\omega$	Temperature ratio parameter
$B_0$	Magnetic field strength	$\bar{R}$	Radiation parameter
$\varphi$	Nanoparticle volume fraction	$\epsilon_i$	Dimensionless nanofluid parameters
$\rho_f, \rho_{nf}, \rho_s$	Density	$\tau_{wr}, \tau_{w\phi}$	Transversal and radial shear stress
$\alpha_{nf}$	Thermal diffusivity	$q_w$	Heat flux at wall
$(\rho Cp)_f, (\rho Cp)_{nf}$	Heat capacitance	$Re$	Local Reynolds number
$g$	Gravitational acceleration	$C_f, Nu$	Skin friction, Nusselt number
$\nu_f, \nu_{nf}$	Kinematic viscosity	$\mathfrak{U}_c, \mu_i, n$	Uncertainty, Mean, No. of iterations
$\mu_f, \mu_{nf}$	Dynamic viscosity		

directions. In case of slip at fluid solid-interface, the highest skin fraction is observed in case of Radium nanoparticles.

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**1. Introduction**

Study of non-Newtonian fluid models to better understand blood flow problems have been done in literature. It became easier to model blood flow problems and encompass effects important in human body to such problems. In recent studies, nanofluid has gathered much importance due to its effectiveness in capturing many physical phenomenon [1–3]. But an important fact that needs to be catered is the effect of various radioactive material on blood considered as base fluid in nanofluid, which is main focus of this study. Blood with various other nanoparticles have been studied in literature by many researchers. Basha and Sivaraj [4] studied blood nanofluid in three geometries. Hybrid blood nanofluid with MHD effect is studied by Alghamdi et al. [5]. Shah et al. investigated gold particle blood nanofluid under radiative heat transfer [6]. Biswas et al. [7] simulated a water based nanofluid with copper nanoparticles and oxytactic bacteria in a W-Shaped porous cavity under impact of perpendicular magnetic field and three types of convection. TiO/Ag nanofluid with blood as base fluid for drug transport through arteries was analyzed by Chahregh and Dinarvend [8].

MHD plays a vital role when treating maligns and cancer, drug targeting, cell separation, magnetic endoscopy and adjusting blood flow during surgery. Behavior of blood flow and temperature is essential to be studied for having more controlled environment during such processes. Prakash et al. [9] studied MHD effects on bifurcated arteries. Barnoon and Ashkiyan [10] presented numerical study on the magnetic field generation in the microwave technique for non-surgical treatment of liver tumors. Mondal et al. [11] investigated flow in a  $Cu - Al_2O_3$  hybrid nanofluid on a magnetic porous wall with

partial translation in order to enhance the rate of heat transfer. Radiative MHD flow in a rotating cone with Soret and Dufour effects is studied by Khan et al. [12]. Analysis on flow of a hybrid nanofluid magnetized horizontally in an M-shaped non-Darcian cavity is presented by Mandal et al. [13]. Barnoon et al. [14] analyzed effect of diameter of nanoparticles on entropy generation and heat transfer rates in nanofluids with single and two phase models under impact of magnetic field. Anuar et al. [15] analytically studied MHD flow in carbon tubes with stability analysis.

The flow under mixed convection is prominent in many industrial, engineering and natural processes. In case of thermal equipment in industries and nuclear plants, high temperature is required for proper operation. This causes non-linearity among temperature and density which is dependent on fluid concentration. Mostly in literature non-linear mixed convection is ignored due to high non-linearity and computational cost in problem solving. In case of radioactive blood-nanofluid flow, mixed convection is added in this study for more general and comprehensive results. Xia et al. [16] investigated non-linear mixed convection on hybrid nanofluid for multiple slip boundary conditions. Micropolar nanofluid over non-isothermal sphere under MHD nonlinear mixed convection was characterized by Ibrahim and Zemedu [17]. Mandal et al. [18] investigated a hybrid nanofluid flow with copper and aluminum oxide nanoparticle within a porous cavity effected by mixed convection and magnetohydrodynamic force. Irfan et al. [19] studied 3D Carreau nanofluid under influence of non-linear thermal radiation and Arrhenius activation energy. Effect of magnetic and thermal convection on flow of a hybrid nanofluid through a complex wavy enclosure is considered by Mandal et al. [20]. Darcy Forchheimer flow

with chemical reaction, non-linear mixed convection and stretching is analyzed by Hayat et al. [21].

The model considered, contains radioactive material as nanoparticles, hence it becomes much important to incorporate non-linear thermal radiation. Non-linear thermal radiation plays a vital role in heat transfer and is studied by many researchers in physics and engineering fields [22–25]. Maxwell nanofluid in a stretching cylinder with activation energy and nonlinear mixed convection was studied by Li et al. [26]. Muhammad et al. investigated nanofluid heat transport on quadratic stretching plate with non-linear thermal radiation [27]. Barnoor [28] investigated the rate of heat transfer in a hybrid nanofluid flow through a dual mixer microchannel equipped with four pair of electrodes. Carreau nanofluid with bioconvection transport under effect of non-linear thermal radiation is examined by Imran et al. [29]. Song et al. [30] analyzed micropolar nanofluid on an off centered rotating disk with Darcy's law and non-linear thermal radiation. Ijaz et al. [31] studied micropolar nanofluid in porous rotating disk with microorganisms and non-linear radiation. Barnoon and Bakhshandehfard [32] analyzed thermal management perspective of destroying a liver tissue with local heating. Bilal et al. [33] did entropy optimization on Williamson nanofluid with non-linear thermal radiation with non Darcian MHD.

Velocity without slip conditions is considered when velocity of fluid and the wall is same. But when fluid velocity becomes different from velocity of the wall, then slip velocity is considered. Similarly, in case of temperature slip, the fluid temperature and wall temperature is different. This phenomena is much significant in medical industry as it is useful in improving artificial interior cavities and heart valves. Sajid et al. [34] scrutinized Maxwell velocity slip and Smoluchowski temperature slip on Reiner-Philippoff fluid model. Khan and Rasheed [35] employed velocity and thermal slip on  $MoS_2-SiO_2$  hybrid nanofluid. Two-phase fluid flow with temperature slip boundary conditions is studied by Xiong et al. [36]. Hayat et al. [37] also investigated velocity slip with dissipation in a stretching cylinder.

Main aim of this manuscript is to study the effects of radioactive nanoparticles on blood flow. Various studies have been done on blood nanofluid in literature, but effects of radioactive material on blood phase has not been investigated and especially not with the further mentioned effects and boundary conditions. In this regard, the current flow problem is captured by considering blood phase as base fluid with three types of radioactive materials taken as nanoparticles  $UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$ . Additional effects on velocity, temperature and boundary are also added to capture a more general phenomena. The fluid model is devised in cylindrical coordinates (depicting blood arteries) with magnetohydrodynamic effect, non-linear mixed convection, Joule heating, non-linear thermal radiation, suction/injection, porous medium, velocity and temperature slip boundary conditions. The system of partial differential equations is converted to system of ordinary differential equations using similarity transformations. Fehlbeg RK method is used to solve the equations and errors are depicted for convergence analysis of fluid model. Comparison of present results with experimental data in literature is also presented. It is observed that the current results are in good agreement with experimental results which provides further validation. Skin friction and Nusselt number on both walls are analyzed graphically and compared for each nanoparticle

$UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$ , separately. Dimensionless parameters are varied to study effects on radial, axial, tangential velocity and temperature profiles. Furthermore, contour plots are presented for prediction of blood flow and temperature regime in the modeled physical environment. Further manuscript is categorized as follows: Section 2 presents formulation of the problem, Section 3 shows skin friction and Nusselt number at both walls, in Section 5 discussion on results is presented and Section 6 contains conclusion of the manuscript.

## 2. Model formulation

Consider the laminar, axially symmetric, two-dimensional flow geometry in cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \phi, z)$  of an incompressible nanofluid through an artery. It is assumed that channel is porous and MHD effect is in  $z$ -direction. The non-linear mixed convection and thermal radiation with Joule heating is considered. Velocity and temperature slip taken at the boundary  $z = 0$ . Geometry of the flow can be seen in Fig. 1. Governing equations for the given phenomena are as follows:

$$u_r + \frac{u}{r} + w_z = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$uu_r + wu_z - \frac{v^2}{r} = v_{nf} \nabla^2 u - \frac{\sigma_{nf} B_0^2}{\rho_{nf}} u + \rho_{nf} g \left\{ \alpha_1 (T - T_2) + \alpha_2 (T - T_2)^2 \right\}, \quad (2)$$

$$uv_r + wv_z + \frac{uv}{r} = v_{nf} \nabla^2 v - \frac{\sigma_{nf} B_0^2}{\rho_{nf}} v, \quad (3)$$

$$uT_r + wT_z = \alpha_{nf} \nabla^2 T + \frac{1}{(\rho C_p)_{nf}} \sigma_{nf} B_0^2 (v^2 + u^2) - \frac{1}{(\rho C_p)_{nf}} (q_r)_z, \quad (4)$$

subject to following appropriate boundary conditions

$$u = \gamma_1 u'(0), \quad v = \omega r, \quad w = w_0 \quad T = T_1 + \gamma_2 T_1'(0), \quad (5)$$

$$at \quad z = 0 \quad u = 0, \quad v = 0, \quad T = T_2, \quad at \quad z = l$$

where  $u, v$  and  $w$  are velocity components in  $r, \phi$  and  $z$ -direction respectively, and  $T$  is the fluid temperature. A constant magnetic field  $B_0$  is applied in vertical direction normal to surface  $z = 0$ . Injection  $w_0$  is taken in  $z$ -direction. Rotation  $\omega$  takes place in  $\phi$ -direction. In (2),  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are linear and non-linear thermal expansion coefficients. The quantity  $(q_r)_z$  on right-hand side of (4) and all nanofluid quantities in (1)–(4) are given in (6).

$$\alpha_{nf} = \frac{k_{nf}}{(\rho C_p)_{nf}}, \quad v_{nf} = \frac{\mu_{nf}}{\rho_{nf}}, \quad \rho_{nf} = (1 - \phi) \rho_f + \phi \rho_s, \quad \mu_{nf} = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}},$$

$$(\rho C_p)_{nf} = (1 - \phi) (\rho C_p)_f + \phi (\rho C_p)_s, \quad \frac{k_{nf}}{k_f} = \frac{(k_s + 2k_f) - 2\phi(k_f - k_s)}{(k_s + 2k_f) + \phi(k_f - k_s)},$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f} = 1 + \frac{3 \left( \frac{\alpha_s - 1}{\sigma_f} \right) \phi}{\left( \frac{\alpha_s + 2}{\sigma_f} \right) - \left( \frac{\alpha_s - 1}{\sigma_f} \right) \phi}, \quad q_r = \frac{4\sigma^*}{3k^*} \frac{\partial T^4}{\partial z} = \frac{-16\sigma^*}{3k^*} T^3 \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}, \quad (6)$$

where,  $\phi$  is the volume fraction of nanoparticles in base fluid,  $k_f$  and  $k_s$  is effective thermal conductivity of fluid base and nanoparticles, respectively,  $\rho_s$  is the nanoparticle density,  $\rho_f$  is the density of fluid base and  $(\rho C_p)_{nf}$  is the nanofluid heat

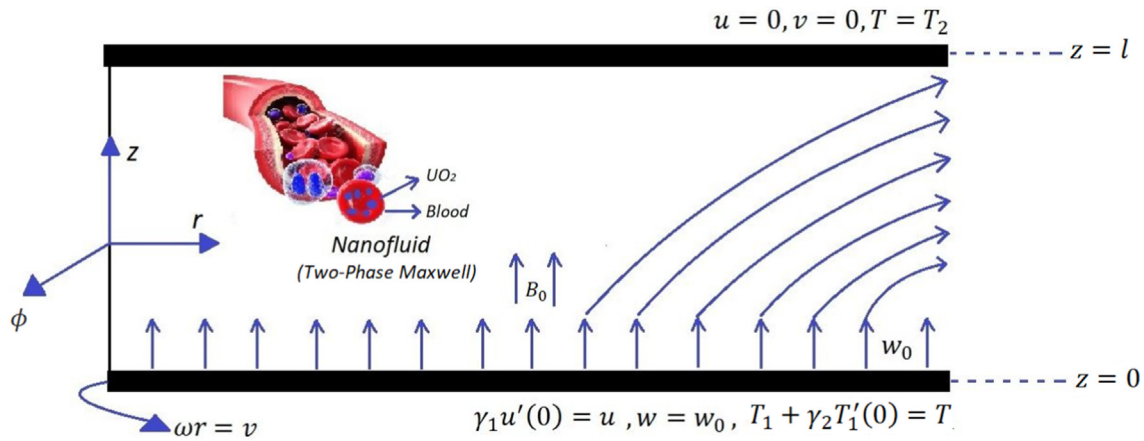


Fig. 1 Flow geometry.

Table 1 Thermophysical Properties of base fluid and nanoparticles [38].

Physical Properties	Blood	UO <sub>2</sub>	ThO <sub>2</sub>	Rd
$\rho(g/m^3)$	1.050	10.97	11.7	5.5
$C_p(J/gK)$	3.617	235	0.12	0.12
$k(W/mK)$	0.52	8.68	4.3–77.3	19
$\sigma(S/m)$	0.012	0.029	0.054	$1 \times 10^6$

capacitance. Thermophysical properties of blood (base fluid) and various radioactive particles (Uranium Dioxide/Thorium Dioxide/Radium) is given in Table 1 [38].

We introduce following similarity transformations introduced by Von-Karman for exact and self similar solution of Navier–Stokes equations

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\omega}{\nu_f}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} z, \quad u = \omega r F(\eta), \quad v = \omega r G(\eta), \tag{7}$$

$$w = (\omega \nu_f)^{\frac{1}{2}} H(\eta), \quad \theta(\eta) = \frac{T-T_2}{T_1-T_2}$$

by applying (7) in (1)–(5) we obtain system of ordinary differential equations as

$$H' + 2F = 0 \tag{8}$$

$$F^2 + HF' - G^2 - \epsilon_5 F'' + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} MF - \lambda_1(1 + \lambda_2 \theta)\theta = 0 \tag{9}$$

$$2FG + HG' - \epsilon_5 G'' + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} MG = 0 \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr} \frac{\epsilon_3}{\epsilon_1} \theta' - H\theta' - \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \times [(\theta_\omega - 1)^3(3\theta^2\theta'2 + \theta^3\theta') + 3(\theta_\omega - 1)^2(2\theta\theta'2 + \theta^2\theta') + 3(\theta_\omega - 1)(\theta'2 + \theta\theta') + \theta^3] + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_1} MEc(F^2 + G^2) = 0 \tag{11}$$

and dimensionless conditions become

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) &= \gamma_1 F'(0), \quad G(0) = 1 \\ H(0) &= W_s, \quad \theta(0) = 1 + \gamma_2 \theta'(0) \\ F(1) &= 0, \quad G(1) = 0, \quad \theta(1) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

In (8)–(12) the dimensionless parameters are

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \frac{\sigma_f B_0^2}{\rho_f \omega}, \quad Pr = \frac{(\rho C_p)_f \nu_f}{k_f}, \quad Ec = \frac{\omega^2 r^2}{(\rho C_p)_f (T_1 - T_2)}, \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{g \beta_1}{\omega^2 r} (T_1 - T_2), \\ \lambda_2 &= \frac{g \beta_2}{g \beta_1} (T_1 - T_2), \quad \tilde{R} = \frac{16 \sigma^* T_2^3}{3k^* k_f}, \quad \theta_\omega = \frac{T_1}{T_2}, \quad \epsilon_1 = \frac{(\rho C_p)_{nf}}{(\rho C_p)_f} = (1 - \phi) + \frac{(\rho C_p)_p}{(\rho C_p)_f} \phi, \\ \epsilon_2 &= \frac{\rho_{nf}}{\rho_f} = (1 - \phi) + \phi \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f}, \quad \epsilon_3 = \frac{k_{nf}}{k_f}, \quad \epsilon_4 = \frac{\sigma_{nf}}{\sigma_f}, \quad \epsilon_5 = \frac{\nu_{nf}}{\nu_f} = \frac{1}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5} [(1 - \phi) + \phi (\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f})]} \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where  $M$  is the magnetic interaction parameter,  $Pr$  is the Prandtl number,  $Ec$  is the Eckert number,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are the linear and non-linear mixed convection parameters,  $\tilde{R}$  is the radiation parameter,  $\theta_\omega$  is the temperature parameter and  $\epsilon_1$ – $\epsilon_5$  are non-dimensional nanofluid parameters.

### 3. Skin friction and Nusselt number

Physical quantities, skin friction and Nusselt number are given as

$$C_f = \frac{\sqrt{\tilde{\tau}_{wr}^2 + \tilde{\tau}_{w\phi}^2}}{\rho_f (\omega r)^2}, \quad Nu = \frac{r \tilde{q}_w}{k_f (T_1 - T_2)} \tag{14}$$

$\tilde{\tau}_{wr}$  and  $\tilde{\tau}_{w\phi}$  in (14) are radial and transversal skin friction which are basically shear stresses at the boundary.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tau}_{wr} &= [\mu_{nf}(u_z + u_\phi)]_{z=0}, \quad \tilde{\tau}_{w\phi} = [\mu_{nf}(v_z + \frac{1}{r} + w_\phi)]_{z=0}, \\ \tilde{q}_w &= -k_{nf}(T_z)_{z=0}, \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

By using (15) in (14) we obtain (16)

$$\begin{aligned} Re^{\frac{1}{2}} C_f &= \frac{\sqrt{F'(0)^2 + G'(0)^2}}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}}, \\ Re^{\frac{1}{2}} Nu &= -(\epsilon_3 + \tilde{R}) \theta'(0), \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

here  $Re = \frac{\omega r^2}{\nu}$  is the local Reynolds number. Similarly, in case of other wall at  $\eta = 1$ , the skin friction and heat transfer is given in (17)

$$\begin{aligned} Re^{\frac{1}{2}} C_f &= \frac{\sqrt{F(1)^2 + G'(1)^2}}{(1 - \varphi)^{2.5}}, \\ Re^{\frac{1}{2}} Nu &= -(\epsilon_3 + \tilde{R})\theta'(1), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

#### 4. Numerical simulations and convergence

##### 4.1. Solution mechanism

System of ODEs along with boundary conditions in (8)–(12) are solved using Fehlberg Runge–Kutta method. For this scheme we rewrite governing dimensionless equations as

$$\frac{dH(\eta)}{d\eta} = -2F(\eta), \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{d^2 F(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_5} \left( \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} MF(\eta) - \lambda_1(1 + \lambda_2\theta(\eta))\theta(\eta) + F(\eta)^2 + H(\eta) \frac{dF(\eta)}{d\eta} - G(\eta)^2 \right), \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{d^2 G(\eta)}{d\eta^2} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_5} \left( 2F(\eta)G(\eta) + \frac{dG(\eta)}{d\eta} H(\eta) + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} M(\eta)G(\eta) \right), \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \theta(\eta)}{d\eta^2} &= \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \left[ (\theta_\omega - 1)^3 \left( 3\theta(\eta)^2 \left( \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} \right)^2 + \frac{d^2 \theta(\eta)}{d\eta^2} (\theta(\eta))^3 \right) \right] \\ &+ Pr \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_3} \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} H(\eta) + \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \left[ 3(\theta_\omega - 1)^2 \left( 2 \left( \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} \right)^2 \theta(\eta) + \frac{d^2 \theta(\eta)}{d\eta^2} \theta(\eta)^2 \right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \left[ 3(\theta_\omega - 1) \left( \left( \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} \right)^2 + \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} \theta(\eta) \right) + \frac{d^2 \theta(\eta)}{d\eta^2} \right] - \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_1} MEc (F(\eta)^2 + G(\eta)^2), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

For numerical solution we make following substitutions as [39]

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= F(\eta), \quad q_2 = q'_1 = \frac{dF(\eta)}{d\eta}, \quad q_3 = G(\eta), \quad q_4 = q'_3 = \frac{dG(\eta)}{d\eta}, \\ q_5 &= H(\eta), \quad q_6 = \theta(\eta), \quad q_7 = q'_6 = \frac{d\theta(\eta)}{d\eta} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

this transforms (18)–(21) and boundary conditions (12) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} q'_1 &= q_2, \quad q'_2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_5} \left( \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} Mq_1 - \lambda_1(1 + \lambda_2 q_6)q_6 + q_1^2 + q_3 q_2 - q_3^2 \right) q'_3 = q_4, \quad q'_4 \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_5} \left( 2q_1 q_3 + q_4 q_5 + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} M(\eta)q_3 \right), \quad q'_5 = -2q_1, \quad q'_6 = q_7, \quad q'_7 \\ &= Pr \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_3} q_7 q_5 + \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \\ &\times \left[ (\theta_\omega - 1)^3 (3q_6^2 q_7^2 + q_7^2 q_6^3) + 3(\theta_\omega - 1)^2 (2q_7^2 q_6 + q_7^2 q_6^2) + 3(\theta_\omega - 1) (q_7^2 + q_6 q_7) + q_7^3 \right] \\ &- \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_1} MEc (q_1^2 + q_3^2), \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(0) &= \gamma_1 q_2(0), \quad q_3(0) = 1, \quad q_5(0) = W_s, \quad q_6(0) = 1 + \gamma_2 q_7(0), \\ q_1(1) &= 0, \quad q_3(1) = 0, \quad q_6(1) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

The complete algorithm for solution technique through Fehlberg Runge–Kutta method is depicted in Fig. 2. Approximate solutions ( $\tilde{H}$ ,  $\tilde{F}$ ,  $\tilde{G}$  and  $\tilde{T}$ ) are obtained as a result.

##### 4.2. Validation process

The obtained results are validated in three different ways as follows:

###### Numerical Validation through Solution Uncertainty

Approximate solutions are further validated by computation of numerical uncertainties in the results. Numerical uncertainty  $\mathfrak{U}_c$  is given as

$$\mathfrak{U}_c = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (Sol_i - \mu_i)^2}{n(n-1)}} \quad (25)$$

where  $i = 1(1)4$  for four set of solutions,  $n$  is the number of iterations and  $\mu_i$  is the mean of  $n$  iterations. Solutions along with numerical uncertainties are presented in Table 2 for fixed values of fluid parameters. The results reveal that the uncertainty in approximate solutions lie between  $\pm 0.1\% - \pm 9.5\%$ .

###### Numerical Validation by Absolute Residual Errors

In order to validate the results, approximate solutions are used in Eqs. (18)–(21) to obtain the residual errors as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}_1 &= \tilde{H}_\eta + 2\tilde{F}, \quad \mathbb{R}_2 = \tilde{F}_{\eta,\eta} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_5} (M\tilde{F} - \lambda_1(1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{T})\tilde{T} + \tilde{F}^2 + \tilde{H}\tilde{F}_\eta - \tilde{G}^2), \quad \mathbb{R}_3 \\ &= 2\tilde{F}\tilde{G} + \tilde{H}\tilde{G}_\eta - \epsilon_5 \tilde{G}_{\eta,\eta} + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_2} M\tilde{G}, \quad \mathbb{R}_4 \\ &= \frac{1}{Pr \epsilon_1} \tilde{T}_{\eta,\eta} - H\tilde{T}_\eta - \frac{\tilde{R}}{\epsilon_1 Pr} \\ &\times \left[ (\theta_\omega - 1)^3 (3\tilde{T}^2 \tilde{T}_\eta + \tilde{T}_{\eta,\eta} \tilde{T}^3) + 3(\theta_\omega - 1)^2 (2\tilde{T} \tilde{T}_\eta^2 + \tilde{T}^2 \tilde{T}_{\eta,\eta}) + 3(\theta_\omega - 1) (\tilde{T}_\eta^2 + \tilde{T} \tilde{T}_\eta) + \tilde{T}_{\eta,\eta} \right] \\ &+ \frac{\epsilon_4}{\epsilon_1} MEc (\tilde{F}^2 + \tilde{G}^2), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The absolute residual errors  $\mathbb{R}_1, \mathbb{R}_2, \mathbb{R}_3, \mathbb{R}_4$  and average absolute residual errors  $\mathbb{R}_{avg}$  are presented in Table 3. The averaged residual errors range from  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-7}$  which depicts promising results in terms of accuracy.

###### Validation with Experimental Results

Furthermore, the obtained solutions are validated in Fig. 3 with experimental data presented by Kim et al. [40]. It is

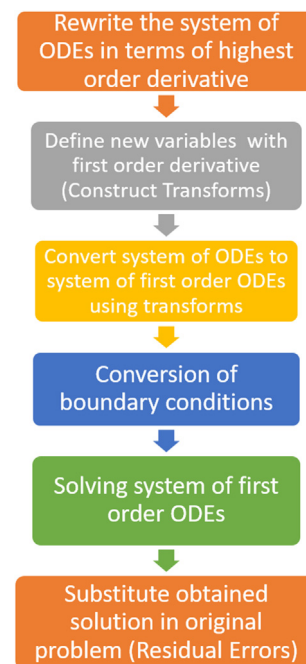


Fig. 2 Solution algorithm and validation process.

**Table 2** Solutions through Fehlbeg Runge–Kutta Method when  $Pr = 2.7, Ec = 0.8, M = 2.7, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 10, \tilde{R} = 1.1, \theta_\omega = 1.8, \varphi = 0.05$  and  $W_s = 2.5$ .

$\eta$	$\tilde{H}$	$\tilde{F}$	$\tilde{G}$	$\tilde{T}$
0.0	2.5	0.222492	1.	-0.0124171
0.1	2.45542	0.222553	0.918506	-0.00979238
0.2	2.41125	0.218511	0.840114	-0.00749689
0.3	2.36828	0.210542	0.763561	-0.00553655
0.4	2.3273	0.198605	0.687082	-0.00389051
0.5	2.28912	0.182402	0.608227	-0.00254538
0.6	2.25466	0.161341	0.523591	-0.00149423
0.7	2.22497	0.134452	0.428436	-0.00073376
0.8	2.20137	0.100264	0.316171	-0.000257242
0.9	2.1855	0.0565683	0.177616	-0.0000387897
1.0	2.17959	0.	0.	0.
$\mathfrak{U}_c$	$\pm 0.0339$	$\pm 0.0226$	$\pm 0.0952$	$\pm 0.00129$

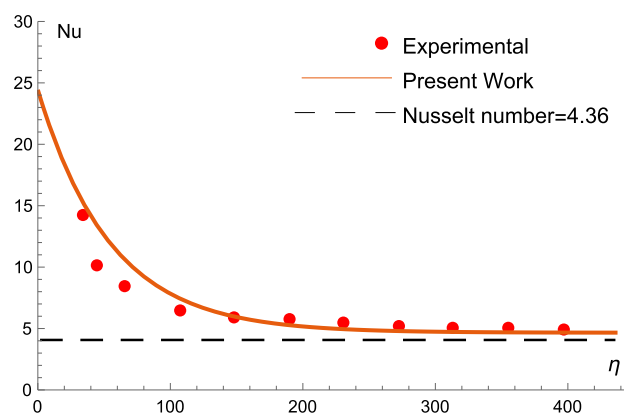
observed that the results obtained from present study are in a good agreement with experimental results in literature.

## 5. Results and discussion

In this section graphical analysis is presented briefly for various fluid parameters in case of radial, tangential, axial velocity and temperature separately. Skin friction and Nusselt number are also analyzed at both walls.

### 5.1. Radial velocity

In Fig. 4 behavior of radial velocity component,  $F(\eta)$ , is presented against various parameters for volume fraction,  $\varphi = 0.1$ . Fig. 4(a) depicts decreasing radial velocity as magnetic interaction parameter increases. As  $M$  increases, drag force enhances in fluid flow causing depleted velocity in radial direction. Parameter of suction injection,  $W_s$ , elevates fluid flow Fig. 4(b) as positive values indicate injection, causing greater fluid inflow. With increase in velocity slip parameter,  $\gamma_1$ , radial velocity increases Fig. 4(d). Increase in both linear and non-linear mixed convection parameters,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ ,



**Fig. 3** Comparison of present results with experimental data [40].

respectively, raises the fluid flow in radial direction as seen in Fig. 4(d) and 4(e). As volume fraction of radioactive material in base fluid increases Fig. 4(f), velocity also increases causing greater flow than usual in blood arteries in radial direction.

**Table 3** Residual Errors  $\mathbb{R}_i$ , where  $i = 1(1)4$ , using Fehlbeg Runge–Kutta Method.

$\eta$	$\mathbb{R}_1$	$\mathbb{R}_2$	$\mathbb{R}_3$	$\mathbb{R}_4$	$\mathbb{R}_{avg}$
0.0	$2.70 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.98 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.81 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.43 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.20 \times 10^{-4}$
0.1	$2.84 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-5}$
0.2	$6.64 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.69 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-6}$
0.3	$2.63 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.95 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.83 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.86 \times 10^{-7}$
0.4	$1.59 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.37 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.99 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-7}$
0.5	$1.40 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.68 \times 10^{-8}$
0.6	$1.79 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.78 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-7}$
0.7	$3.34 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.88 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.98 \times 10^{-7}$
0.8	$9.58 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.26 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.32 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.79 \times 10^{-6}$
0.9	$4.64 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.02 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.44 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-5}$
1.0	$5.03 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.42 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.59 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.65 \times 10^{-4}$

5.2. Tangential velocity

Fig. 5 presents effects of  $M$ ,  $W_s$ ,  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\phi$  on tangential velocity,  $G(\eta)$ . Increase in  $M$  decreases velocity in tangential direction (see Fig. 5(a)) while  $W_s$  increases the velocity in Fig. 5(b) similar to radial component. As velocity slip  $\gamma_1$  increases in Fig. 5(c), the fluid flow slows down tangentially in contrast to radial direction due to slip parameter being introduced in radial direction only. With higher linear and non-linear mixed convection parameters in Fig. 5(d) and 5 (e), flow of nanofluid in tangential direction slows down.

Increasing volume fraction  $\phi$  as observed in Fig. 5(f) increases nanofluid velocity along the tangent.

5.3. Axial velocity

Graphical analysis on axial velocity  $H(\eta)$  is done in Fig. 6.  $M$  and  $W_s$  both increase the flow of fluid in axial direction as depicted in Figs. 6(a) and Graphs:H(b). Velocity slip decreases nanofluid flow in axial direction (see Fig. 6(c)) just as in tangential direction due to slip parameter introduced radially.  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  decreases axial velocity also. With increasing volume

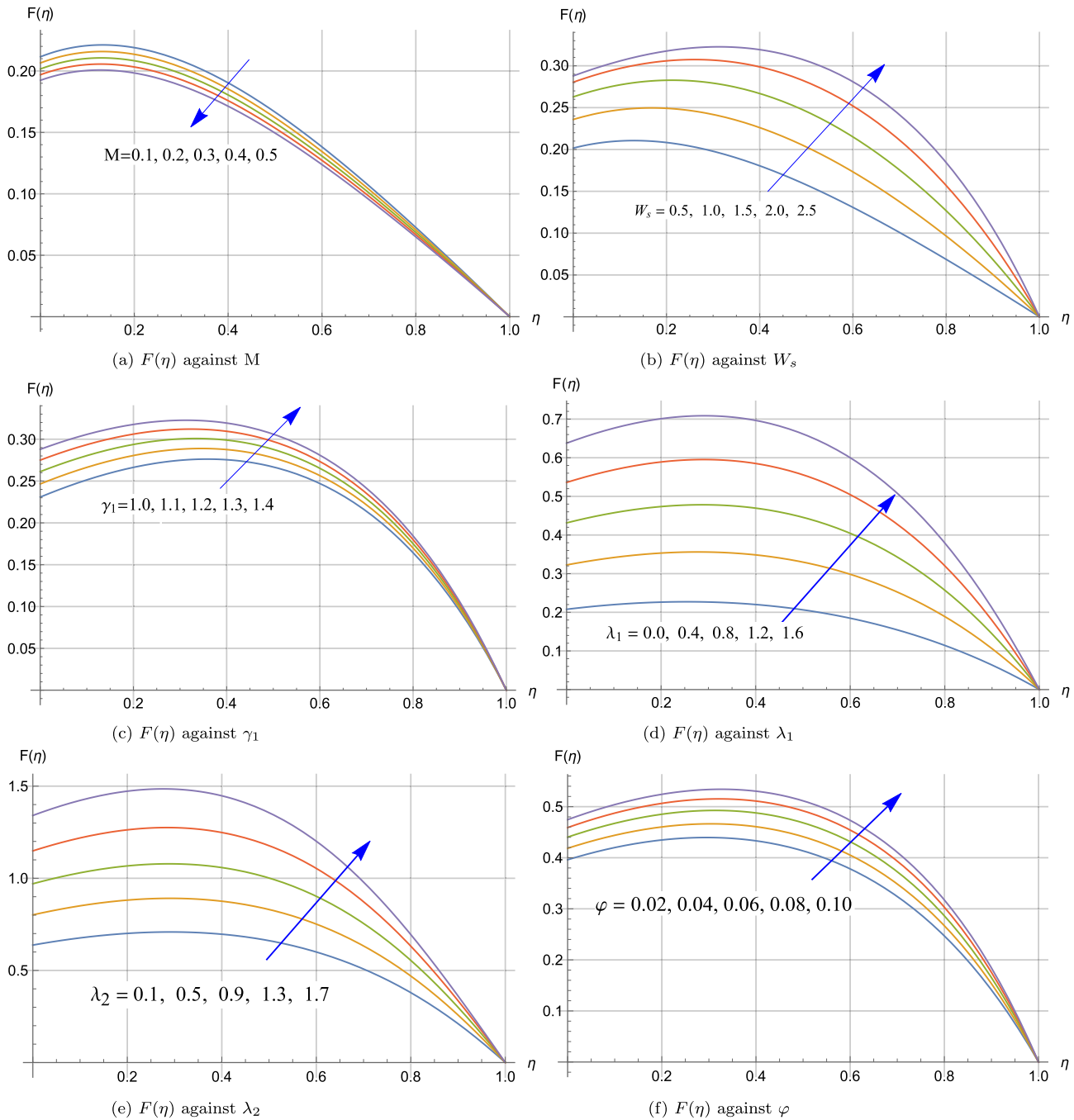
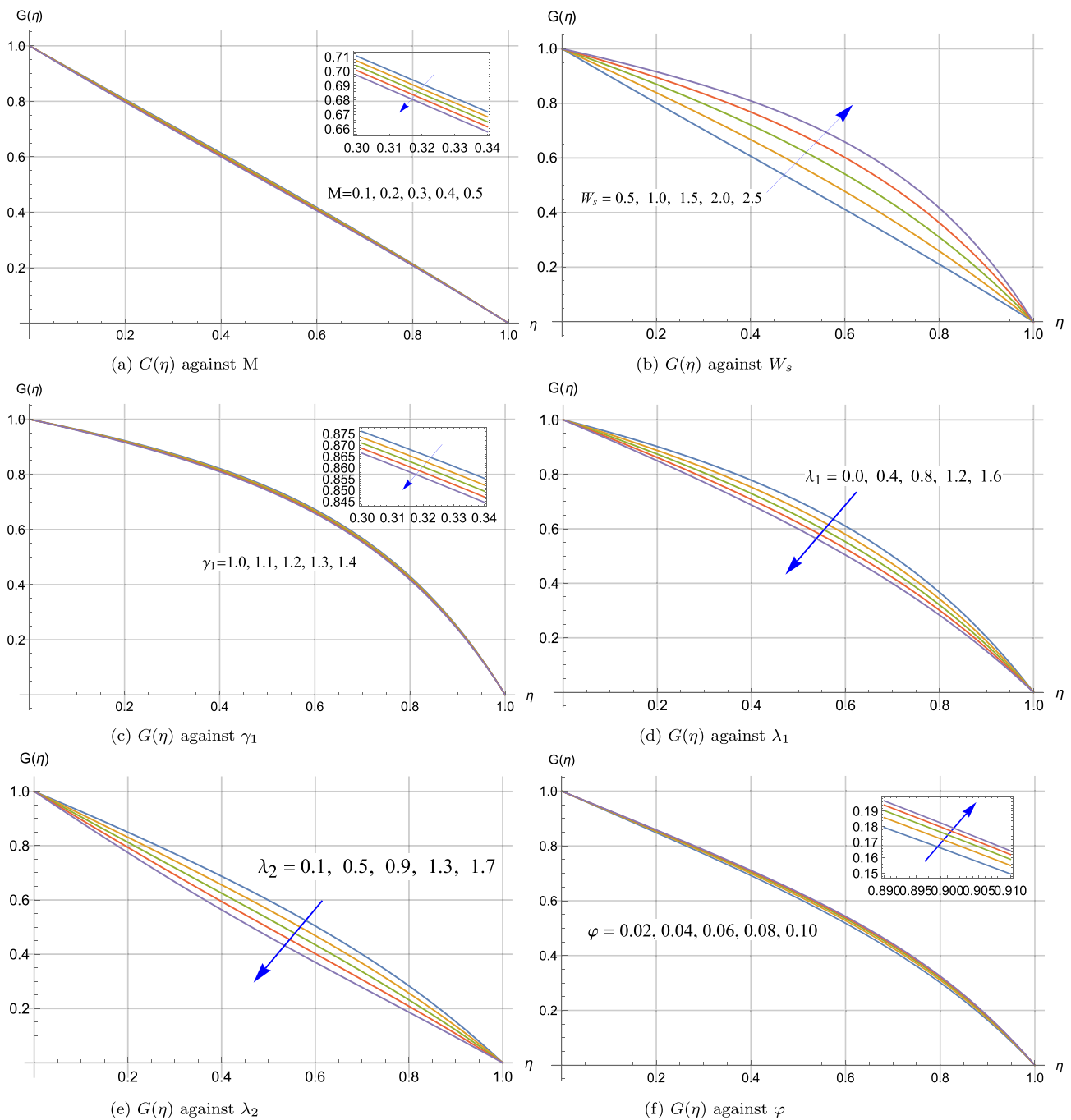


Fig. 4 Effect of various parameters on the radial velocity.





**Fig. 5** Effect of various parameters on tangential velocity for  $\varphi = 0.1$ .

fraction in nanofluid, the axial velocity is observed to decrease in contrast to radial and tangential direction in Fig. 6(f).

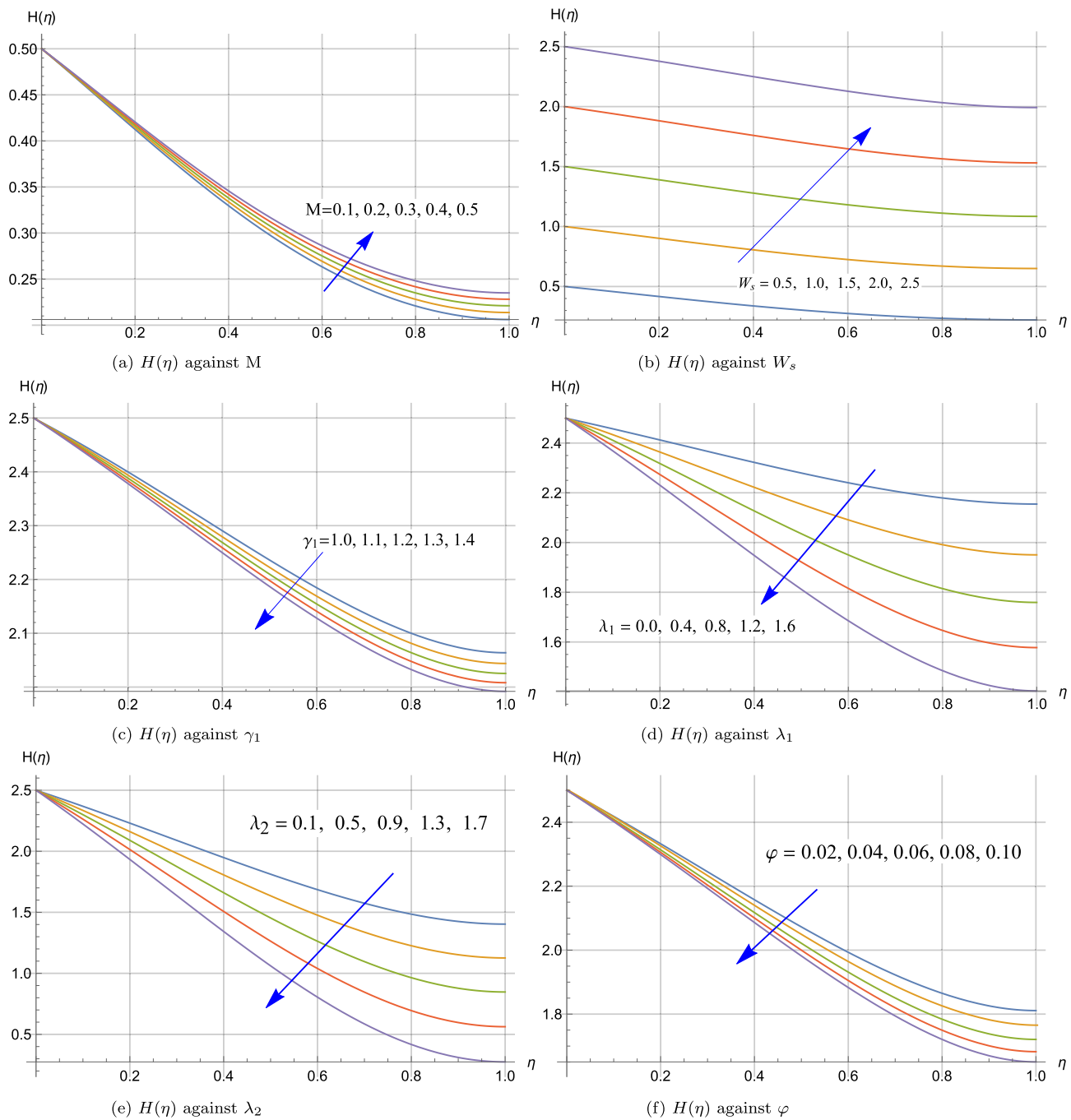
#### 5.4. Temperature Profile

Behavior of nanofluid temperature for various fluid parameters can be observed in.

Fig. 7. In Fig. 7(a), magnetic interaction  $M$  increases the fluid temperature. As increasing  $M$  produces Lorentz like drag

force which offers resistance to fluid flow resulting in elevated temperature profile. Increase in fluid injection in Fig. 7(b) decreases blood temperature as more fluid flows and heat transfer takes place. Velocity slip  $\gamma_1$  increases temperature in Fig. 7(c) while temperature slip  $\gamma_2$  decreases temperature in Fig. 7(d). Linear and non-linear mixed convection parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , respectively, show both increasing and decreasing temperature profile about a point as depicted in Figs. 7(e) and 7(f). In case of  $\lambda_1$ , blood temperature rises before





**Fig. 6** Effect of various parameters on axial velocity for  $\phi = 0.1$ .

$\eta = 0.84$ , whereas it declines afterwards. For  $\lambda_2$ , temperature increases before  $\eta = 0.75$  and decreases onwards. Non-linear radiation parameter  $\tilde{R}$ , increases temperature of blood nanofluid in Fig. 7(g). Fig. 7(h) shows blood temperature for increasing volume fraction  $\phi$  of nanoparticles in blood. With increasing  $\phi$ , blood nanofluid temperature falls before  $\eta = 0.85$ , and it increases for  $\eta > 0.85$ .

### 5.5. Skin Friction and Nusselt Number

In Figs. 8 and 9, skin friction and Nusselt number are plotted against a range of nanoparticle volume fraction  $\phi$  on

both walls for comprehensive analysis with and without slip conditions. Moreover, skin friction and heat transfer rates for three nanoparticles  $UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$  are compared graphically. Skin friction shows increasing while heat transfer rate shows decreasing behavior as  $\phi$  on y-axis increases. With increasing volume fraction more resistance to flow causes higher skin friction and hence lower heat transfer rate. In Fig. 8(a),  $Rd$  offers highest skin friction with slip at wall  $\eta = 0$ , whereas without slip in Fig. 8(b),  $Rd$  offers least skin friction. Fig. 9(a) depicts highest heat transfer rate for  $ThO_2$  as it has the highest thermal conductivity  $k$  in Table 1. Without slip in Fig. 9(b) behavior of heat transfer



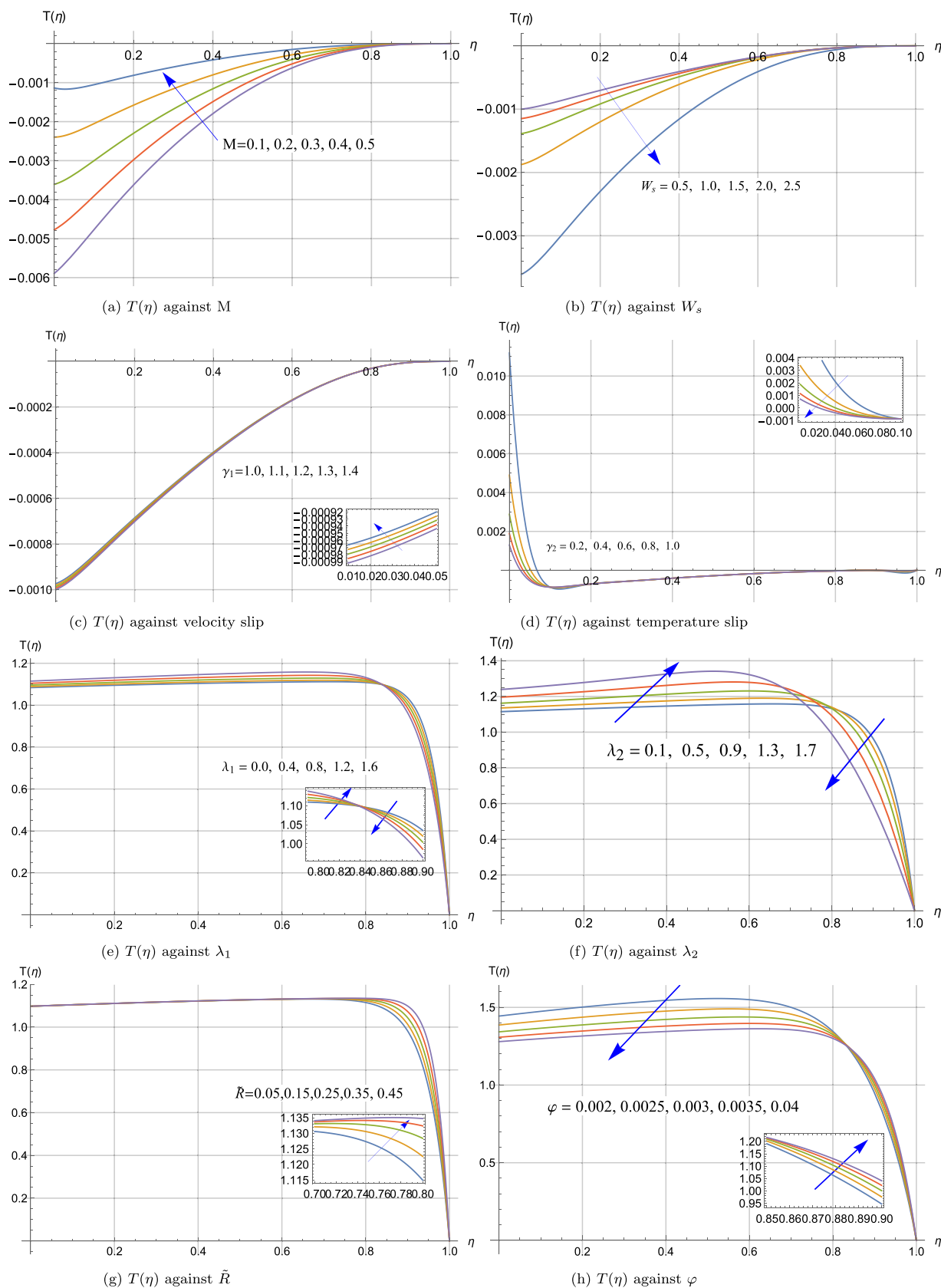


Fig. 7 Effect of various parameters on temperature profile for  $\varphi = 0.1$ .

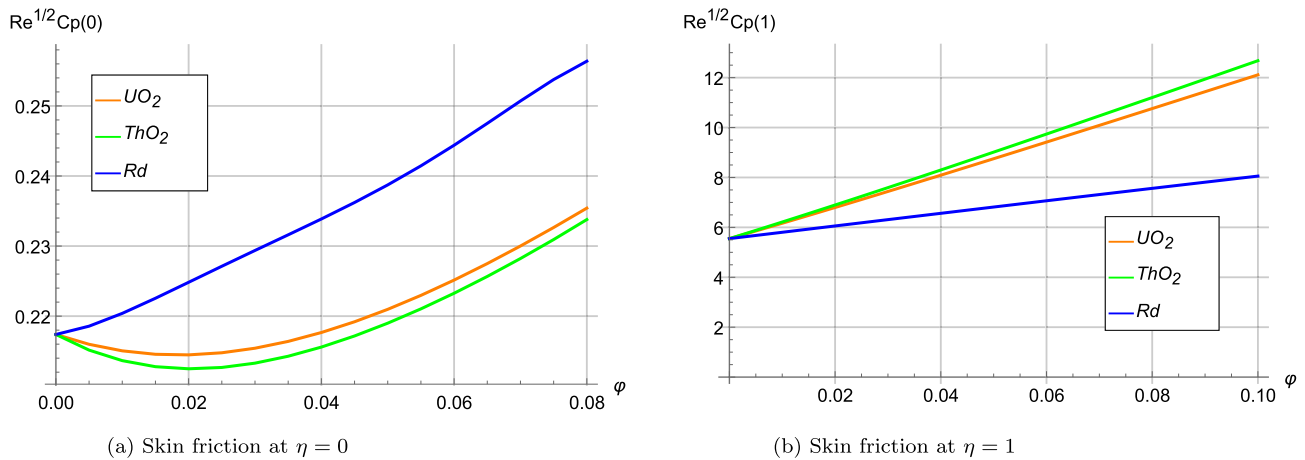


Fig. 8 Skin friction at both walls.

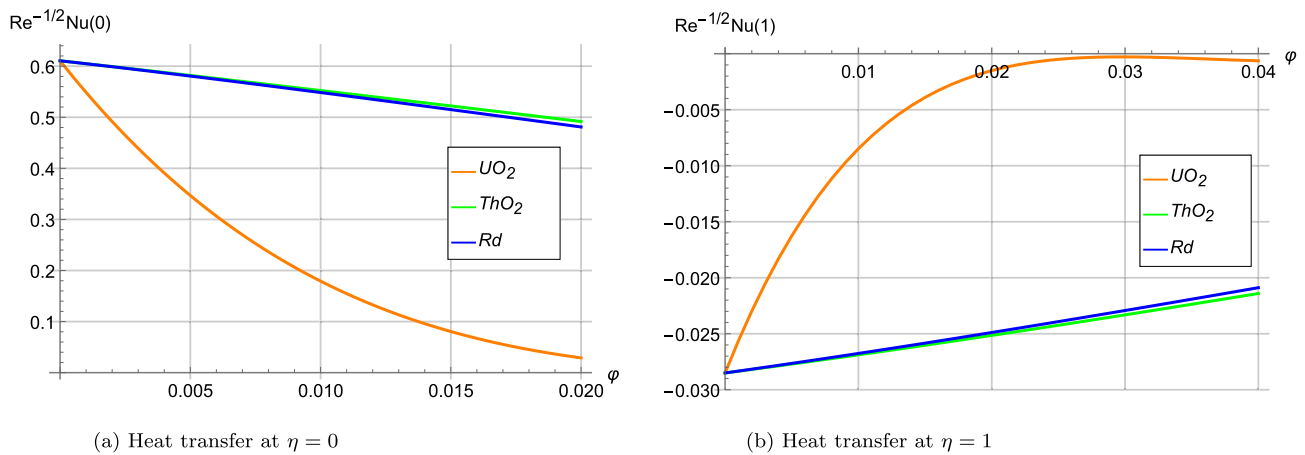


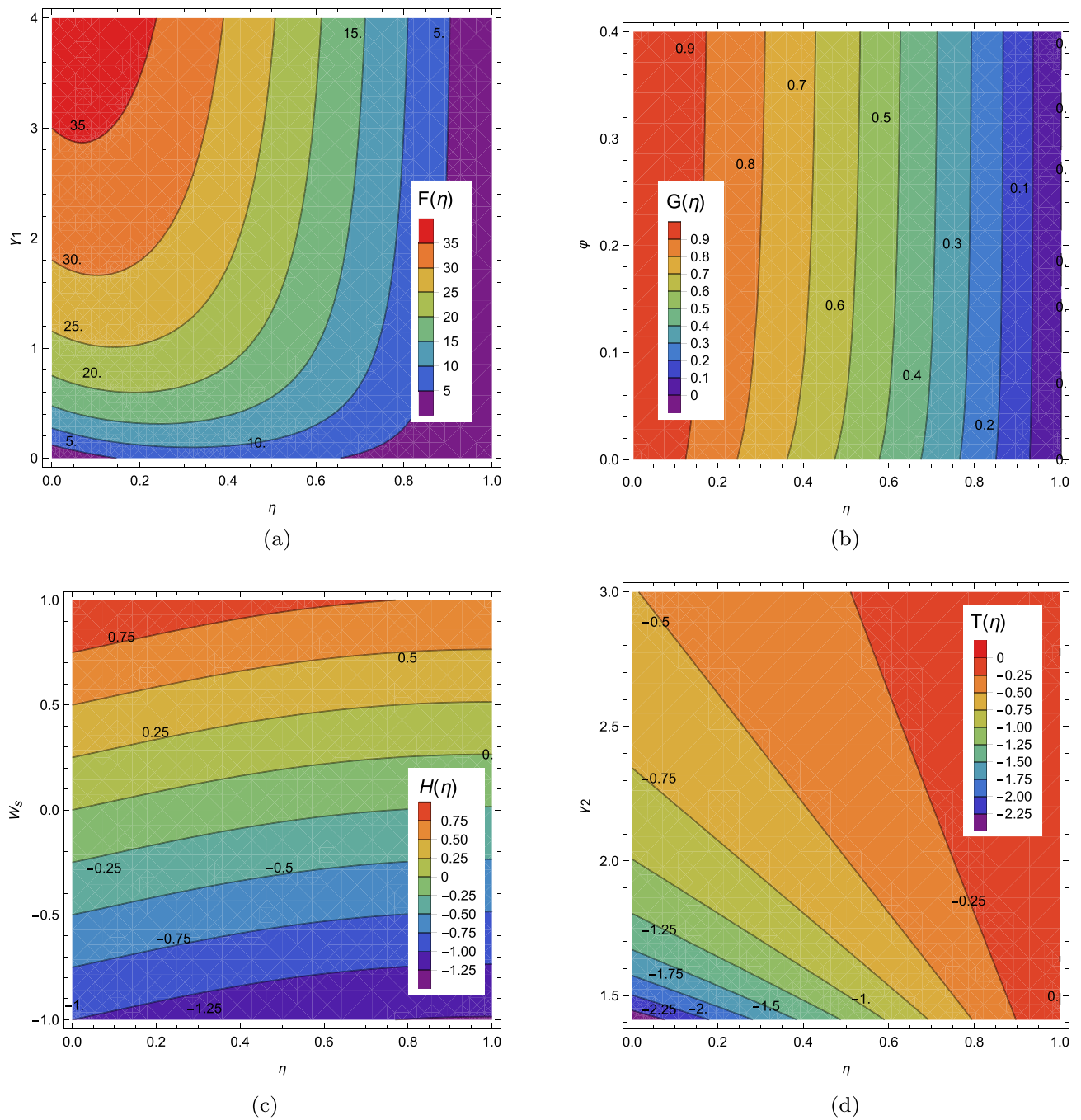
Fig. 9 Heat transfer rate at both walls.

rate is totally opposite. Hence skin friction and Nusselt number have entirely contrasting results on both walls.

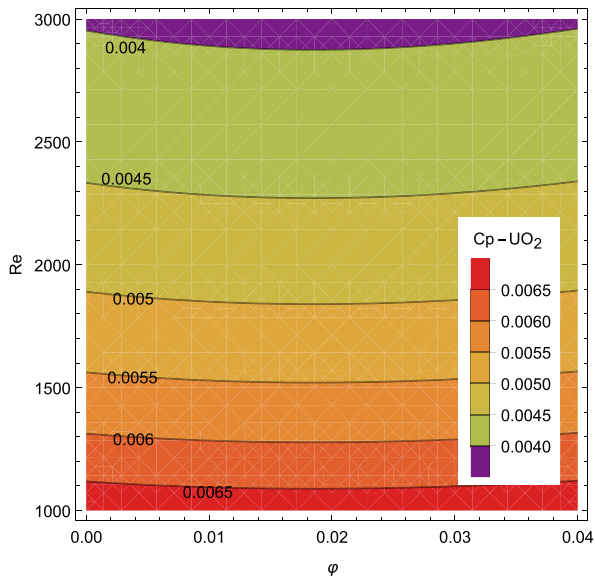
### 5.6. Contour analysis

The physical analysis of current study is further simulated through contour plots in Figs. 10–12. In Fig. 10(a) radial velocity increases rapidly for slip parameter  $\gamma_1$  values between 0 and 1 whereas increase is not much prominent for higher values of  $\gamma_1$ . Tangential velocity in Fig. 10(b) is higher for smaller values of  $\eta$  and it decreases with increasing  $\eta$ . Fig. 10(c) reveals that injection increases the axial velocity while suction decreases the blood flow in axial direction. Suction results in movement of fluid particles towards the wall and consequently decreases the velocity boundary layer. Temperature of blood becomes higher when thermal slip

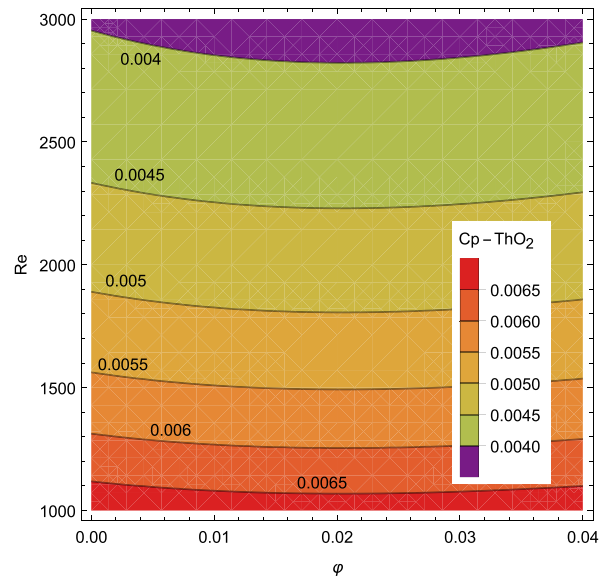
increases. Contour spacing shows that the increase in temperature is more prominent in case of lower values of thermal slip when compared with higher values. In Fig. 11 skin friction is simulated against increasing Reynolds number  $Re$  and volume fraction  $\phi$  of three types of nanoparticles,  $UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$  in blood. For lower Reynolds number increase in skin friction is more rapid than higher values in all cases of nanoparticles. Higher  $Re$  results in more turbulent flow which increases skin friction as a result.  $Rd$  offers least skin friction in comparison with  $UO_2$  and  $ThO_2$ . Fig. 12 depicts that rate of heat transfer is enhanced when flow behavior changes from laminar to turbulent (i.e.  $Re > 2300$ ). Moreover, it is also observed that  $Rd$  and  $ThO_2$  offers more heat transfer than  $UO_2$  nanoparticles in blood. This is due to the fact that  $Rd$  and  $ThO_2$  nanoparticles have higher thermal conductivity than  $UO_2$ .



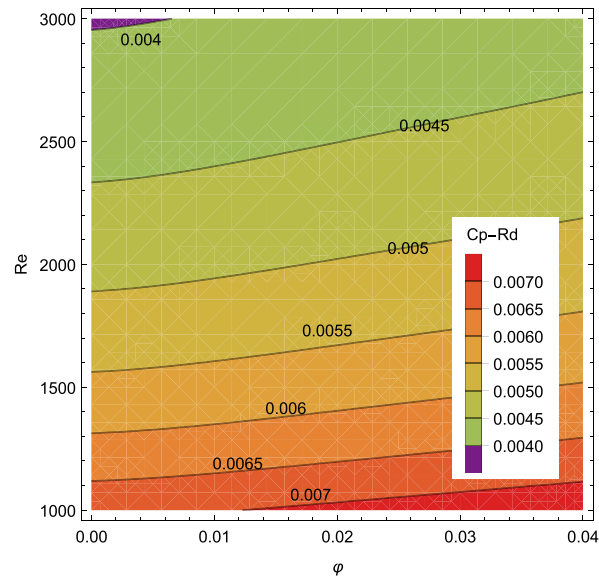
**Fig. 10** Impact of (a) Velocity slip on radial velocity, (b) Volume fraction on tangential velocity, (c) Suction/Injection parameter on axial velocity, (d) Thermal slip on temperature.



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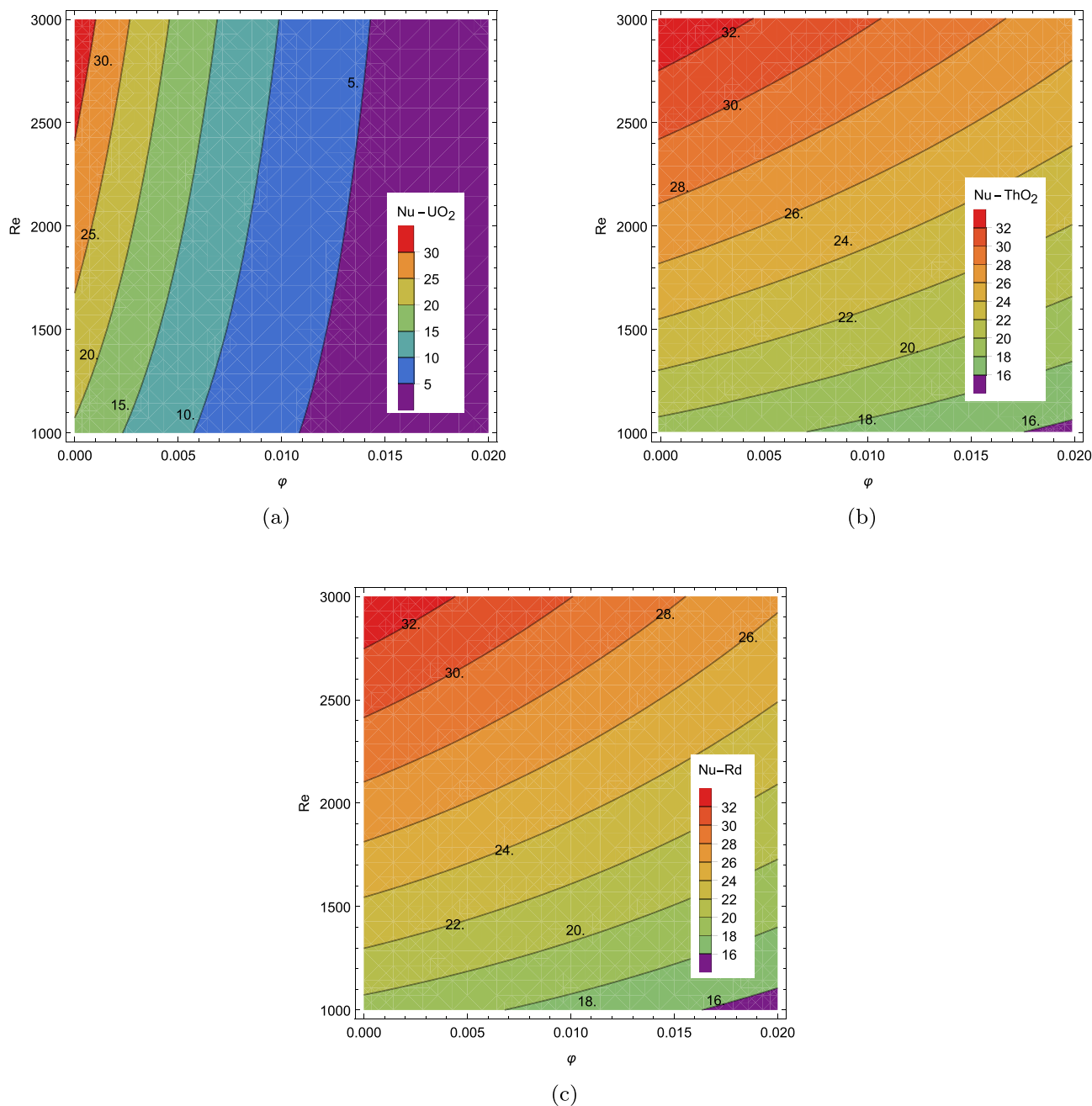


(b)



(c)

**Fig. 11** Impact of Reynolds number and volume fraction on skin friction at wall in case of (a)  $UO_2$  nanoparticles, (b)  $ThO_2$  nanoparticles, (c)  $Rd$  nanoparticles.



**Fig. 12** Impact of Reynolds number and volume fraction on heat transfer rate in case of (a)  $UO_2$  nanoparticles, (b)  $ThO_2$  nanoparticles, (c)  $Rd$  nanoparticles.

## 6. Conclusion

Many scientists in nuclear facilities, and workers in medical and industrial sectors are facing health related issues while exposing to nuclear radiations. Due to this reason, it is of great importance to model and analyze such effects on blood profiles. Blood nanofluid have been investigated in earlier studies mentioned in Section 1, but none of those analyze the effect of radioactive elements on the blood. To fill this gap, this article presents the modeling and simulation of blood-nanofluid to depict three types of radioactive nanoparticles,  $UO_2$ ,  $ThO_2$

and  $Rd$ . Validity and convergence of the obtained solution is checked through absolute residual errors after numerically simulating the modeled problem using Fehlberg Runge–Kutta algorithm. Obtained results are further validated by comparison with experimental data. Furthermore, numerical uncertainties are also computed for approximate solutions. Graphical analysis through 2D plots and contours reveals following key findings of this study:

- Increase in volume fraction  $\phi$  increases nanofluid velocity in radial and tangential direction.

- Temperature profile decreases when  $0 < \eta < 0.85$ , while opposite (increasing) behavior is observed when  $0.85 < \eta < 1$ .
- $Rd$  nanoparticles offer maximum skin friction and heat transfer rate at wall  $\eta = 0$  and hence can be used for the treatment of cancer and maligns.
- Rapid increase in radial velocity  $F(\eta)$  is observed for slip parameter between 0 and 1.
- Nanofluid temperature shows a drastic increase when thermal slip rises from 0.0 to 2.0.
- Higher values of Reynolds number  $Re$  results in elevated skin friction and heat transfer rate.
- $UO_2$  shows highest skin friction and lowest heat transfer rate when compared with  $ThO_2$  and  $Rd$  against increasing turbulence in the nanofluid flow.

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