S2 Table. Kinetic rate constants used in the model, as proposed by [2].

| Biochemical reaction | Rate Constant | Value | Source |
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| Hydrolysis of C3 $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ | $k_{\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}}^{+}$ | $8.3 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [9] |
| Association of factor B to C3b | $k_{\text {C3bB }}^{+}$ | $0.000213 \mu^{-1} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [10] |
| Dissociation of complex C3bB | $k_{\text {C3bB }}^{-}$ | $0.000155 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [10] |
| Attachment of fnC3b to host and pathogen | $k_{\text {fC3b }}^{+}$ | $0.42 \mathrm{\mu M}^{-1} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \text { Calculated, see S2 Ap- } \\ \text { pendix } \end{array} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Attachment of hnC3b to host | $k_{\text {hC3b }}^{+}$ | varying | Calculated, see S5 Ap- pendix |
| Attachment of pnC3b to pathogen | $k_{\mathrm{pC} 3 \mathrm{~b}}^{+}$ | varying | Calculated, see S5 Ap- pendix |
| Association of nC3b (fnC3b, hnC3b and pnC3b) to water | $k_{\text {nС3 }}^{-}$ | $11.55 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Calculated, see S3 Ap- } \\ & \text { pendix } \end{aligned}$ |
| Association of factor H to C3b | $k_{\text {C3bH }}^{+}$ | $0.0052 \mathrm{\mu m}^{-1} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [11] |
| Dissociation of complex C3bH | $k_{\text {C3bH }}^{-}$ | $0.0325 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [11] |
| Association of factor H to heparin dp32/dp36 (HS) | $k_{\text {HSH }}^{+}$ | $0.0065 \mu \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [12], estimated from dissociation constant |
| Dissociation of complex HSH | $k_{\text {HSH }}^{-}$ | $0.00325 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | [12], estimated from dissociation constant |
| Association of factor H to Pra1 | $k_{\text {Pra1H }}^{+}$ | $0.8673 \mathrm{\mu m}^{-1} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | own measurements, estimated from dissociation constant |
| Dissociation of complex Pra1H | $k_{\text {Pra1H }}^{-}$ | $0.00162 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | own measurements, estimated from dissociation constant |
| Inflow of factor H | $k_{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$ | $4.88 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{\mu M} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | Calculated, see S6 Ap- pendix |
| Inflow of C3 | $k_{\text {C } 3}^{+}$ | $8.23 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{\mu M} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | Calculated, see S6 Appendix |
| Outflow of FH and C3 | $k_{\text {blood }}^{-}$ | $1.525 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ | Calculated, see S6 Ap- pendix |
| Activation of complex C3bB by Factor D | $\begin{aligned} & k_{\text {cat }} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bB} \\ & K_{M} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bB} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0021 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1} \\ 0.1 \mu \mathrm{M} \end{gathered}$ | [2] |
| Cleavage of C3 by C3 convertase, C3bBb | $\begin{aligned} & k_{\text {cat }} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bBb} \\ & K_{M} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bBb} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0018 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1} \\ 5.9 \mathrm{\mu M} \end{gathered}$ | [13] |
| Cleavage of C3b by inhibitor Factor I | $k_{\text {cat }} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bH}$ <br> $K_{M} \mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{bH}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0013 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1} \\ 0.25 \mu \mathrm{M} \end{gathered}$ | [11] |

