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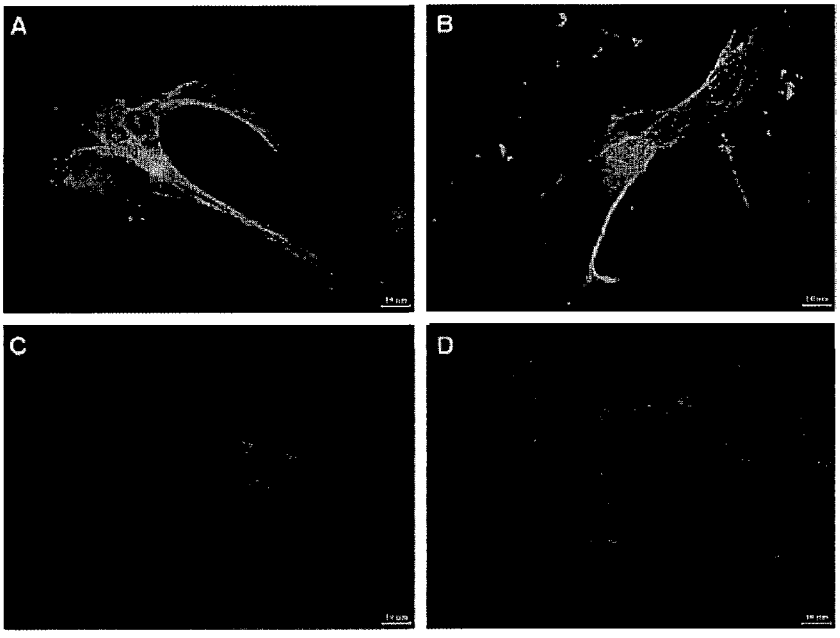
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods for identifying an anti-fibrotic or anti-inflammatory agent comprising determining cathepsin S expression in activated hepatic stellate cells which have been exposed to a test compound and comparing expression to non-exposed hepatic stellate cells. The invention also relates to methods for treating a disorder characterised or caused by hepatic fibrosis or inflammation, comprising administering a cathepsin S inhibitor to a subject.

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