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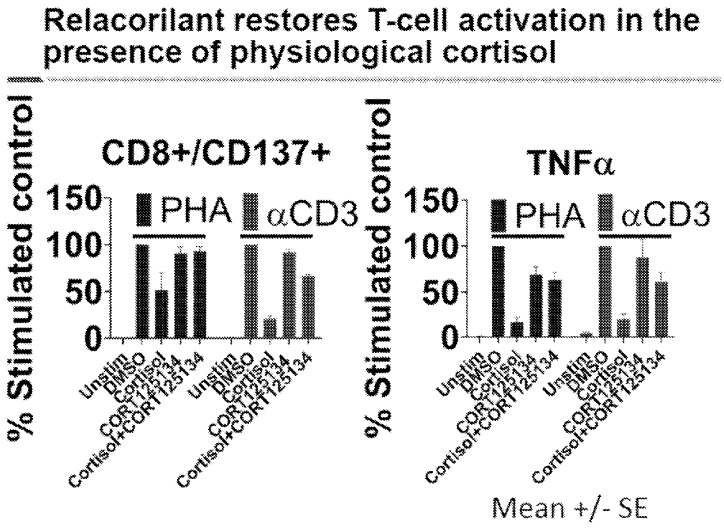


FIG. 4

(57) **Abstract:** Methods of improving immune function in a cancer patient having a solid tumor are disclosed. The improvement in immune function may slow or stop tumor growth, and may reduce tumor load. Methods include administering effective amounts of a cancer treatment and a nonsteroidal glucocorticoid receptor modulator (GRM) or selective GRM (SGRM). The cancer treatment may include administration of a checkpoint inhibitor. GRM or SGRM administration may induce checkpoint-inhibitor sensitivity in the cancer. Improved immune function may include increased CD8+ T-cell activation, increased pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion, increased TNFα secretion, increased IFNγ secretion, and other changes as compared to such activation and secretion prior to GRM administration. In embodiments, immune function is improved after 1, 2, 3, or more days of GRM administration. Other patient characteristics may also be improved by the methods disclosed herein. GRMs include heteroaryl-ketone fused azadecalin and octahydro

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fused azadecalin GRMs. GRM administration includes oral GRM administration.