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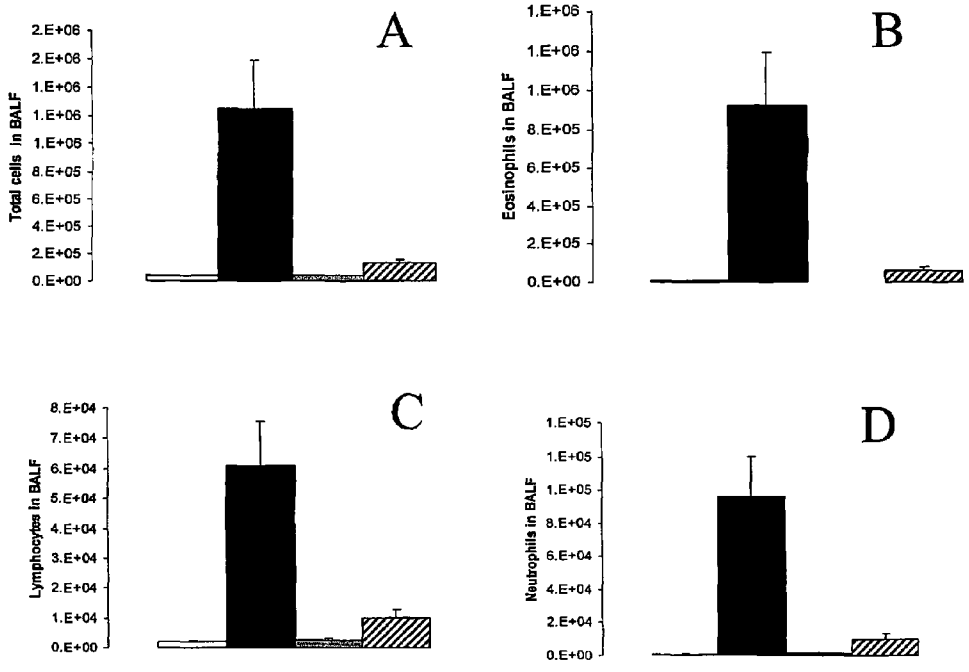
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(57) Abstract: Methods and compositions for inhibiting interleukin-21 (IL-21)/IL-21 receptor (MU-1) activity using antagonists of IL-21 or IL-21 receptor ("IL-21R" or "MU-1"), are disclosed. IL-21/IL-21R antagonists can be used to induce immune suppression *in vivo*, e.g., for treating, ameliorating or preventing autoimmune or inflammatory disorders, including, e.g., inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), transplant/graft rejection, psoriasis, asthma, fibrosis, and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

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