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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a method of modifying the T-cell population makeup or increasing the number of T-cells in a subject having depressed or abnormal T-cell population or function, the method comprising disrupting sex steroid signalling to the thymus in the subject. The invention can be used to treat a subject suffering from a wide array of diseases, for example, cancer, HIV infection, autoimmunity and hypersensitivity. In addition, the present invention provides methods for enhancing an immune response to an antigen, treating an autoimmune disease, and decreasing a host-vs-graft reaction in a transplantation donor.