10. A method of producing a microparticle according to claim 9, wherein:

(i) the cell-conditioned medium comprises one or more of transforming growth factor-beta (TGF-β), interferon-gamma (IFN-γ) and tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α), which induce the release of microparticles by the stem cells into the medium;

(ii) the cells were cultured under hypoxic conditions;

(iii) the cells were co-cultured with a different cell type;

(iv) the cells were cultured in a multi-compartment bioreactor; and/or

(v) the cells were stem cells that were partially-differentiated.

11. A kit for use in the method of claim 9 comprising: (a) a medium; (b) a conditionally-immortalised cell as defined in claim 1; (c) optionally one or more of transforming growth factor-beta (TGF-β), interferon-gamma (IFN-γ) and tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α); (d) optionally a microparticle obtainable by the method of claim 9 suitable for use as a control; (e) optionally a detection agent suitable for specific detection of the produced microparticles; and (f) instructions for producing the microparticle using the kit.

12. A method of screening for an agent that alters the rate of production of a microparticle by a conditionally-immortalised cell, comprising contacting a conditionally immortalised cell as defined in claim 1 with a candidate agent and observing whether the rate production of microparticles by the contacted stem cell increases or decreases compared to a control.