CLAIMS

1. A tablet manufacturing machine, comprising:

a mortar and associated pestles, the mortar and pestles being configured so that granules are charged in the mortar and then compressed by the pestles while the mortar and the pestles travel along a path extending from a point and then back to the point,

the path including at least one substantially straight path portion where the mortar and the pestles travel in a substantially straight direction along the substantially straight path portion, and

a nucleus supply station provided on the substantially straight path portion and configured to supply a nucleus on the granules charged in the mortar.

2. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 1, wherein the path has a substantially oblong shape.

3. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 2,

wherein the machine is configured so that two tablets are produced using the mortar while the mortar and the pestles move from the point and then back to the point, and

wherein the path has two opposed substantially straight path portions where the same process is performed.

4. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 1,

wherein the path includes a first granule charge station configured to charge first granules in the mortar, the nucleus supply station, a second granule charge station

configured to charge second granules on the nucleus, and a compress station configured to compress the first and second granules in the mortar by the pestles to form a tablet, in this order,

wherein the nucleus supply station is provided in the substantially straight path portion.

5. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 4, wherein the second granule charge station is provided in the substantially straight path portion.

6. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 1, wherein the path has a substantially oblong shape including two substantially straight path portions, each of the two substantially straight path portions including a granule charge station configured to charge granules in the mortar, and a nucleus supply station configured to supply a nucleus on the granules charged in the mortar.

7. The tablet manufacturing machine of claim 1, wherein the nucleus is an IC chip.

8. A method for manufacturing tablets for supplying granules to a mortar and compressing the granules in the mortar by using associated pestles as the mortar and associated pestles move along a path from a position and then back to the position, comprising:

performing a certain process on a substantially straight path portion provided on the path, along which the

mortar and the pestles travel in a substantially straight direction,

wherein the certain process comprises supplying a nucleus on the granules charged in the mortar.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the certain process further comprises compressing the granules in the mortar by the pestles.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the path has a substantially oblong shape.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the nucleus is an IC chip.