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Letter to Editor,

Note on novel use of *Staurogyne thyrsoidea* root for treatment of female disorders

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Sir, *Staurogyne thyrsoidea* O. Kuntz (Acanthaceae) is considered an endangered species in Bangladesh. The plant has so far been found only in the Rema-Kalenga sanctuary in Sylhet Division of the country, where it is known as utlenga. A local folk medicinal practitioner, named Md. Moin Uddin was found to use the roots of the plant to treat female disorders. When questioned about what he meant by female disorders, he mentioned diseases which occur only in females like menstrual disorders (pain during menstruation, heavy bleeding during menstruation, and irregular menstruation) and uterine prolapse. To our knowledge, this is the first reported instance of the plant (Figure 1) and its folk medicinal use from Bangladesh. A perusal of the scientific literature showed that no ethnomedicinal or any other type of scientific reports exist on this plant species from anywhere else in the world.



Figure 1. *Staurogyne thyrsoides* O. Kuntz