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Many factors prevail in parts of India to beget a male child. One such practice is the consumption of sex selection drugs during pregnancy. Preliminary findings suggest that these are consumed in the first trimester of pregnancy, the most crucial period of development of fetus. Previous anecdotal reports suggest that these contain steroids. We have conducted a detailed analysis of some sex selection drugs that have been presented in this manuscript. Evidence on these practices is absolutely essential in order to initiate actions to combat them.

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