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An abortion can triple a woman's chances of contracting breast cancer, according to a study conducted in Sri Lanka.

The research, performed by scientists at the University of Colombo, showed abortion is the greatest reported risk factor for the disease, according to the Daily Mail in London. The study is the fourth in the last 14 months to demonstrate such a link, the newspaper reported June 24.

A cancer research organization in Great Britain criticized the study's size.

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