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To the Editor:

Congratulations on your latest contribution to the premature deaths and unnecessary suffering of untold numbers of young women who will contract breast cancer in the next few years. Your biased and one-sided coverage of the 25 year results of the Canadian breast screening trial gives undeserved credence to one of the only randomized controlled trials (of at least 10 others) to show no benefit in decreasing deaths from breast cancer. The Canadian trial is our very best example of how bad mammography is worse than no mammography at all, and has been criticized by scientists around the world for its poor design and highly questionable results. It is truly "garbage in, garbage out". Why you have not given equal coverage to the multitude of even larger studies by Tabar and others showing as much as a 63% decrease in breast cancer deaths in women screened with mammography is very disturbing to me. You will clearly convince many unsuspecting and less knowledgeable women to forego mammography, and lose their only chance of surviving this terrible disease. The consequent blood on your hands will likely never wash out.