

**Annenberg Science Knowledge Survey: Zika and GMOs  
March 9-13, 2016 (Week 5): Appendix**

**DESCRIPTION READ PRIOR TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW:** As you may know, some food products, crops, insects and fish are being modified using new scientific techniques. The general area is called “biotechnology” and includes tools such as genetic engineering and genetic modification of food. The products of these methods are generally referred to as Genetically Modified Organisms or “GMOs.”

How would you rate your own understanding of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)?

	POOR/FAIR %			GOOD/VERY GOOD/EXCELLENT %					
	NET	Poor	Fair	NET	Good	Very good	Excellent	Don't know %	Refused %
3/13/16	<b>63</b>	32	31	<b>35</b>	20	11	4	2	--

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- a. *GMOs are risky for society.*

	3/13/16 %
<b>AGREE (Net)</b>	<b>45</b>
Strongly Agree	18
Agree	27
Neither agree nor disagree	25
<b>DISAGREE (Net)</b>	<b>27**</b>
Disagree	18
Strongly Disagree	8
Don't know	4
Refused	*

\*Less than 0.5%

\*\*NET does not add up because of rounding

b. *GMOs are beneficial for society.*

	3/13/16 %
<b>AGREE (Net)</b>	<b>29</b>
Strongly agree	9
Agree	20
Neither agree nor disagree	26
<b>DISAGREE (Net)</b>	<b>42</b>
Disagree	25
Strongly disagree	17
Don't know	3
Refused	*

\*Less than 0.5%

*All things being equal, how likely would you be to buy a food product if it were genetically modified?*

	LIKELY %			NOT LIKELY %				
	NET	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET	Not too likely	Not at all likely	Don't know %	Refused %
3/13/16	<b>41</b>	17	24	<b>57</b>	25	32	2	*

\*Less than 0.5%

*I'm going to read another statement. Please tell me if you think **scientists** have established it is true, **scientists** have established it is false, or **scientists** are not sure whether it is true or false. Here's the statement: (INSERT ITEM). Would you say that **scientists** have established that is true or false, or **scientists** are not sure whether it is true or false.*

a. Genetically modified foods on the market in the U.S. are as safe as the conventionally grown varieties of the same crop.

	True %	False %	Scientists are not sure %	Don't know %	Refused %
3/13/16	24	24	47	5	*

\*Less than 0.5%

I'm going to read two statements. For each one please tell me if you think **scientists** have established it is true, **scientists** have established it is false, or **scientists** are not sure whether it is true or false. (INSERT ITEM). Would you say that **scientists** have established that is true or false, or **scientists** are not sure whether it is true or false.

a. Genetically modified mosquitoes have caused the ZIKA virus outbreak.

	True %	False %	Scientists are not sure %	Don't know %	Refused %
3/13/16	26	25	39	9	*

\*Less than 0.5%

b. Genetically modified mosquitoes could minimize the spread of the ZIKA virus.

	True %	False %	Scientists are not sure %	Don't know %	Refused %
3/13/16	27	13	51	9	*

\*Less than 0.5%

### ANNENBERG SCIENCE KNOWLEDGE SURVEY METHODOLOGY: WEEK 5

The study was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **March 9-13, 2016** among a sample of **1,014** respondents. Total Cell phone respondents were 576 and there were 36 respondents who completed the survey in Spanish. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.77 %.