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Abstract	<p>Swedish adolescents have poor knowledge about biotechnology in relation to the amount of education that they are supposed to have received in accord with the national program goals. They support the drug industry but are apprehensive about the concept of biotechnology and feel that biotechnology violates the laws of nature. The attitudes are connected to the pupils' way of life and are therefore difficult to change by an increase in education alone. However, a way of influencing this could be by discussing biotechnology in the context of philosophy in school and by showing documentary programs about biotechnology on public TV-channels. The aim of the public education should be to give the pupils a solid foundation of biotechnology facts to rely on to aid in ethical discussions about biotechnology.</p>	
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