Development of SSI-based Module to Aid in Teaching Genetic Engineering and Improving the Conceptual Understanding and Decision-making Skills of Students

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Abstract

Socioscientific issues (SSI) are open-ended, multifaceted social issues with conceptual links to science. SSI education is aimed at attaining functional scientific literacy. This study sought to develop an SSI-based module that will help improve the conceptual understanding and decision-making skills of students. It also sought to address the gaps in scientific literacy and in the lack of integration of SSIs in the teaching of science. The study made use of the ADDIE Model as its research design and followed the five stages of instructional model for SSI-based education by Eilks (2010) in the development of the module. The needs assessment survey on teachers and students revealed that genetic engineering is a hard topic and there is a lack of learning materials and laboratory activities. The developed module underwent evaluation by a panel of experts. With a mean of 2.44, the over-all rating of the panel of experts on the module is Very Satisfactory. Thus, the developed SSI-based module is ready to be implemented. The comments and suggestions of the panel of experts were used to improve the developed module.

Keywords: SSI-based module, Genetic Engineering, Decision making

1. Introduction

In the process of teaching and learning science, it has been recorded that students in the Philippines have been performing poorly in national and international assessments as seen in the results of PISA 2018, TIMSS 2019, and the yearly NAT, thus, lowering the level of scientific literacy among students. Scientific literacy consists of the knowledge and understanding of the scientific concepts and processes required for personal decision making, participation in civic and cultural affairs and economic productivity (Mohapatra, 2013). In general, science as a subject taught in every school should support the development of scientific literacy (Turiman, Omar, Daud and Osman, 2012; Yuenyong and Narjaikaew, 2009).

One way to make sure that the development of scientific literacy is being supported is to improve the conceptual understanding and decision-making skills of students. To support the development of scientific literacy, improve the conceptual understanding and decision-making skills of students, the researcher would like to integrate socioscientific issues (SSI) in teaching science concepts. SSIs are open-ended, multifaceted social issues with conceptual links to science. Students who participated in SSI-based learning experiences have demonstrated gains in understanding of science ideas (Dawson and Venville, 2013; Sadler, Romine and Topçu, 2016), nature of science (Lederman, Antink and Bartos, 2014); and scientific practices, such as modeling (Peel, Zangori, Friedrichsen, Hayes and Sadler, 2019; Zangori, Peel, Kinslow, Friedrichsen and Sadler, 2017) and argumentation. Studies have found out that teachers do not usually make use or omit entirely the integration of sociocientific issues in teaching science concepts. Three notable explanations for teachers' omission of SSI-focused activities from their classrooms are: teachers' unfamiliarity, lack of experience, and/or discomfort with an SSI-focused teaching approach (Sadler, Romine and Topcu, 2016; Saunders and Rennie, 2013); teachers' limited access to SSI-focused curricular resources (Sadler, Romine and Topcu, 2016); and discrepancies between teachers' perceptions of SSI and the philosophical basis of the pedagogy (Hansen and Olson, 1996; Sadler, Romine and Topçu, 2016).

Thus, the aim of this study is to develop a module that is integrated with socio scientific issues to promote scientific literacy, improve students' conceptual understanding, and further develop their decision-making skills.

1.1 Objectives of the Study

This study would like to address the gaps on the poor scientific literacy of students and the lack of integration of socioscientific issues in the teaching of science. The study specifically sought to achieve the following objectives:

- 1. Assess the needs of senior high school science teachers and students to better teach Genetic Engineering.
 - 2. Develop an SSI-based module to aid in teaching genetic engineering.
 - 3. Evaluate the developed SSI-Based module.

2. Methodology

This study followed the Analysis-Design-Development-Implementation-Evaluation (ADDIE) model (Bates, 2014) as its research design as seen in Figure 1 below.

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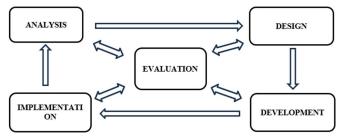


Figure 1. The Analysis-Design-Development-Implementation-Evaluation (ADDIE) Model.

The respondents of the study were Senior High School Science Teachers, Grade-12 STEM students and a panel of experts, who were chosen through purposive sampling. The research instruments that were used in the study are the following: Needs Assessment Survey Questionnaire for Teachers, Needs Assessment Survey Questionnaire for Students, SSI-Based Module and Rubric for the Developed SSI-Based Module.

The process of data gathering for this study followed the stages of the ADDIE Model [10]. Under Analysis, the following steps were undertaken: The researcher first selected the socioscientific issue (SSI) that was the focus of the module. For this study, the issue on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), cloning, and gene therapy were selected. This was followed by the identification of the topic related to the SSI. The topic genetic engineering was selected. After identifying the SSI and the topic of the module, the researcher conducted a needs assessment survey on senior high school science teachers and Grade-12 STEM students. This was done to determine the needs of both teachers and students when it comes to the teaching and learning of the topic genetic engineering and to determine the awareness of teachers on socioscientific issues.

Under Design, the making of the SSI-based module occurred. The five stages of instructional model for SSI-based education by Feierabend and Eilks (2010) was chosen to be followed in the development of the module. The parts of the module included the following (1) Problem Analysis, (2) Clarification of Science, (3) Refocus on Social Scientific Issues, (4) Roleplaying Task, and (5) Meta-Reflection. The researcher then formulated the lesson objectives aligned with the science K-12 curriculum. The next stage, Development, took place. The learning resources were determined and the researcher embedded the needed content and activities into the module. After doing so, the module underwent validation and evaluation by a panel of experts. The research instruments were then revised according to the results of the validation and evaluation.

On the data analysis of the study, the responses on the needs assessment survey were analyzed through thematic analysis. The mean rating was computed for each criterion from the ratings made by experts on Science and SSI on the developed SSI-based module.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Needs Assessment Survey on Science Teachers

Prior to the conduct of the study, a needs assessment was administered to the science teachers handling Genetic Engineering in two schools in Iligan City, namely, Iligan City East National High School and Iligan City National High School. This was done to gather information on the needs of the teachers on the topic Genetic Engineering and find out if they have experience with integrating SSIs in their lessons.

Table 1. Summary of Responses on the Needs Assessment for Science Teachers on Genetic Engineering and the SSI-Based Approach.

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Themes	Codes	Mentions	Sample Utterances
Problems	Difficult Topic	2.	NAS-T1: "Genetic Engineering is
Encountered in		_	particularly a difficult topic according
the Teaching-			to my students."
Learning of	Hard	1	NAS-T4: "It was hard to introduce
Genetic	Terminologies		this topic because there are many
Engineering	8		terminologies that the students have
			not yet encountered."
	Lack of learning	2	NAS-T4: "Lack of textbook; Difficult
	resources and	_	topic to discuss; Limited teaching/
	opportunities		laboratory hours"
Coping	Utilization of	2	NAS-T1: "Students nowadays learn
Techniques	multimedia	_	effectively when their auditory-visual
			processes are being utilized in the
			learning process. I introduced many
			video presentations for them to grasp
			the concept of genetic engineering."
	Detailed	1	NAS-T2: "To address these problems,
	discussion of	_	I had to mix the traditional lecture
	the topic		type of approach and match it with
			novel learner-centered activities that
			allow the learners to explore the
			topic."
	Employ	1	NAS-T4: "Choose simple lab
	laboratory		activities."
	activities		
	Research on the	1	NAS-T5: "Research and use up-to-
	topic		date materials that are appropriate in
	•		the teaching-learning process."
Pedagogical	Collaborative	1	NAS-T1: "I always incorporate
Approaches	learning		collaborative learning in teaching for
Employed			the learners to understand the value of
			cooperation and teamwork. Whenever
			possible, I let my learners do
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1			experimentation for them to
			experimentation for them to experience the concepts themselves."
	Laboratory	1	experience the concepts themselves."
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	activities		experience the concepts themselves." NAS-T3: "I use simple laboratory activities."
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	Not familiar	1	NAS-T4: "Not familiar but as I
			searched it, it will definitely help both
			teachers and students in critical
			thinking."
Benefits of	Awareness of	1	NAS-T1: "Yes, introducing SSI in
introducing SSIs	global issues		lessons not only teaches our students
in the teaching-			the different contexts of Science but
learning process.			also its impacts and relevance to the
			society. It will help not just the
			students but also the teachers to be
			aware of global issues.
	Understanding	1	NAS-T2: "I agree because students
	the lesson		better understand a lesson or a concept
	through relevant		especially if they are given examples
	happenings in		that are really happening in the
	the community		community or in the surroundings."
	Teaching	2	NAS-T3: "Yes, it will be easier for
	through the use		the teachers to introduce the topics
	of relevant		because of its relevance."
	information		NAST-T4: "Yes, it will encourage
			teachers to use relevant information in
			their lesson materials."
	Improve the	1	NAS-T5: "Yes, it is very important
	teaching-		since this also encourages students to
	learning process		think and analyze that could greatly
			improve the teaching-learning
			process."

As shown in table 1, five (5) themes were determined on the answers provided by science teachers on the needs assessment questionnaire. The themes are the following: Problems Encountered in the Teaching-Learning of Genetic Engineering, Coping Techniques, Pedagogical Approaches Employed, Familiarity with the SSI-Based Approach in Teaching, and Benefits of introducing SSIs in the teaching-learning process. The teachers found genetic engineering to be a hard topic due to the difficult terminologies and lack of learning resources. To address this problem, they made use of multimedia and simple laboratory activities as well as research on the latest information on the topic.

3.2 Needs Assessment Survey on Students

Prior to the conduct of the study, a needs assessment was administered to two sections of Senior High School students under the STEM strand of Iligan City East National High School and Iligan City National High School. This was done to gather data on the needs of the students on the topic of Genetic Engineering.

Table 2. Summary of Responses on the Needs Assessment for Students on Genetic Engineering.

Engineering.	1		
Themes	Codes	Mentions	Sample Utterances
Definition	Manipulation	24	NAS-S3; NAS-S6; NAS-S19; NAS-
of Genetic	and		S26; NAS-S31; NAS-S32; NAS-S36;
Engineering	modification		NAS-S41; NAS-S53: "Genetic
			Engineering is to design and
			manipulate genetics for innovation."
			NAS-S38: "Genetic Engineering is the
			process of genetically modifying

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			organisms to upgrade specific
			functions of the organisms which will
			then improve their performance and
			efficiency of doing certain
			tasks/activities."
	Creation of new	15	NAS-S36: "Genetic Engineering
	organisms		nowadays is rampant because of the
			booming technology which the
			scientists creates new type of
			organism that can benefit the
			world/ecosystem that can cause
			imbalance in the world/ecosystem."
	Focused on	6	NAS-S21: "Genetic Engineering for
	genetics and the		me is all about studying/focusing in
	DNA		genes like how it works, develop,
			inventing things that is related in these
			studies." NAS-S24: "The group of
			applied techniques of genetics and
			biotechnology used to join together
			genetic material especially DNA from
			one or more species of organism."
	Utilization of	15	NAS-S7; NAS-S11' NAS-S28; NAS-
	technology to alter		S41; NAS-S42; NAS-S43; NAS-S59:
	the genetics of		"Genetic Engineering is a process that
	organisms		uses technologies that is laboratory-
			based to alter the DNA makeup of an
			organisms."
			NAS-S8: "Used to refer to methods of
			recombinant DNA technology."
Problems	Complex topic	33	NAS-S3; NAS-S6; NAS-S7;
encountered			NAS-S9; NAS-S32; NAS-S38;
			NAS-S39: "Difficult for me to
			analyze and understand how it is
			done." NAS-S11: "I'm having
			hard time learning about the
			process of techniques since it
			applies the genetics and
			biotechnology."
	Does not have an	7	NAS-S33; NAS-S34; NAS-S40;
	idea.		NAS-S45: "I did not get to learn about
			genetic engineering."
	Confusing.	3	NAS-S21: "Learning the process can
			be a little confusing and tricky."
	Slow in learning.	2	NAS-S10: "Slow learner."
			NAS-S60: "It takes time and focus
			when doing experiments."
Coping	Further	16	NAS-S21: "I made some research to
Techniques	research		deepen my understanding on the
•			process."
			NAS-S46: "I look for another
			PPT's online to find an easy
			explanation."
	Watching videos	8	NAS-S6: "By watching videos about
	on the web.		genetic engineering to help me
			visualize the processes of genetic
			engineering."
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NAS-S15: "By relying simulations."	nces
	on virtual
Dedicate more 26 NAS-S9; NAS-S34: "I	studied and re-
time to studying called the proper proce	ss of the DNA
structure."	
Asking help from 10 NAS-S10; NAS-S28; N	
peers and experts NAS-S58: "I've coped	
difficulties by asking to	o my classmates
regarding the topic."	
NAS-S16: "Collaborati	ion with experts
in this field."	C C10 N C
Recalling the About different 13 NAS-S5; NAS-S9; NA	
process of biological S19: "Yes, the process	
Genetic techniques engineering that I can r	
Engineering splicing, artificial selec	ction, and
cloning."	NAC COO.
Unable to 21 NAS-S10; NAS-S12; NAS-S11;	
recall NAS-S51: "No, I forgo The topic was 14 NAS-S11: NAS-S20: N	
1 1	
not introduced NAS-S56: "No, our tea able to teach us about g	
engineering things."	genetic
Field of 10 NAS-S7; NAS-S26; N	AC C27. NAC
Biotechnology that S54: "I learned that get	
manipulates S34. Treathed that get engineering is a field o	
genetic cuginicating is a field of that involves manipular	
material that involves manipula	ting genetic.
Undergo steps 2 NAS-S40: "The proces	ss is composed
to arrive a of 3 steps. First, isolation	
certain product fragments. Second, the	insertion of an
isolated DNA fragmen	
growth or a recombinate	nt vector."
NAS-S41: "It starts with	th splicing a
part of the DNA of a co	
organism and inverting	
organism with changed	l physical
properties."	
Familiarity Associates it with 13 NAS-S5; NAS-S7; NA	
with GMOs the transfer of S47: "Yes, Genetically	
genes from one organism called transg	
organism to since genes are transfer	rred form one
another. organism to another."	(T) 0 :
NAS-S53; NAS-S54: "	
one gene to another (tra	ansgenic
organisms)"	AC COL. MAC
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Organisms that had their genetics "No, I can't remember discussed." NAS-S6; NAS-S13; N S30; NAS-S55: "Yes, or	GMOs are
"No, I can't remember discussed." Organisms that had their genetics modified. "No, I can't remember discussed." NAS-S6; NAS-S13; N S30; NAS-S55: "Yes, or plants, animals, and mi	GMOs are croorganisms
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	Combining two	5	NAS-S31; NAS-S34: "Yes, we
	different species.		tackled about it."
			NAS-S45: "When humans tamper
			with the DNA and combine it with
			another"
Familiarity	Duplication of	22	NAS-S5; NAS-S17; NAS-S54: "Yes,
with cloning	traits of an		this is like a species have a same look,
	organism.		structure, or like duplicated."
			NAS-S7; NAS-S19; NAS-S32; NAS-
			S55; NAS-S56; NAS-S60: "Cloning
			is the process of replicating an
			organism down to its very exact
			copy."
	Creation of an	30	NAS-S40: "It is a technique scientist
	exact copy of an		use to make exact genetic copies of
	organism.		living things."
			NAS-S4; NAS-S16: "Yes, a single
			cell is removed from a parent
			organism and an entire individual is
			grown from that cell."
	Unfamiliar with	8	NAS-S35; NAS-S36: "No, I am not
	cloning.		familiar with it."
Familiarity with	Unfamiliar with	39	NAS-S11; NAS-S12; NAS-S18;
gene therapy	gene therapy.		NAS-S20; NAS-S23; NAS-S25;
			NAS-S27; NAS-S28; NAS-S32;
			NAS-S43; NAS-S44; NAS-S49;
			NAS-S50; NAS-S56; NAS-S57;
			NAS-S58; NAS-S59: "No, it hasn't
			been tackled/ part of our competencies
			in our lesson genetic engineering."
	Modification of	5	NAS-S4; NAS-S47: "Yes, it modifies
	genes.		or manipulate the gene or alter the
			living cells' biological property."
	Insertion of good	11	NAS-S5; NAS-S7; NAS-S30; NAS-
	genes.		S34; NAS-S45: "Yes, cause when the
			genes are cut out and good gene are
			inserted. Viruses are used to insert
	_		good genes."
	Treatment of	5	NAS-S8; NAS-S36: "It involves the
	diseases.		use of genes to treat or prevent
			disease."
			NAS-S19: "Gene therapy is a
			treatment of genetic disorder or to
			provide a specialized disease-fighting
			function."

As shown in table 2, seven (7) themes were determined on the answers provided by senior high school students on the needs assessment questionnaire. The themes are the following: Definition of Genetic Engineering, Problems Encountered, Coping Techniques, Recalling the Process of Genetic Engineering, Familiarity with GMOs, Familiarity with Cloning, and Familiarity with Gene Therapy. A number of the students were able to define genetic engineering. The problems that they encountered included the following, complex topic, confusing, slow in learning, and a lack of opportunity to explore the topic. To cope with these problems, the student perform research, watch videos on the web, and dedicate extra time to their studies.

3.3 Parts of the Developed Module

The development of the SSI-based module followed the five important stages in an SSI-based lesson according to Eilks (2010). Socioscientific issues (SSIs) were specifically integrated into the module in order to support the development of scientific literacy among student by improving their conceptual understanding and decision-making skills. With that, learners would be given the opportunity to explore the issues in our society, establish the relatedness of these issues to scientific concepts, and make informed decisions regarding these issues. The five important stages are the following:

- 1. Problem Analysis. Students will identify and describe the controversial issue present in the activity given to them.
- 2. Clarification of Science. This presents to the students the chosen science concept which is one of the foci of the developed module. It will contain information and activities that will provide learning to the students.
- 3. Refocus on Social Scientific Issues. Students will engage in activities that will establish the interrelationship between the SSI and the science concept. It will provide further clarification on the relatedness of the issue and the science concept. This stage will allow the students to judge both sides of the issue, use their moral reasoning and decision-making skills, come up with solutions, and develop their moral values.
- 4. Roleplaying Task. In this stage the students will be grouped and will be tasked to present a scenario based on the roles assigned to them. The researcher will provide guide questions that will be the basis of the task.
- 5. Meta-reflection. Students will discuss with the teacher what they have learned from the activities about the SSI and science concepts using guide questions. The researcher then formulated the lesson objectives aligned with the science K-12 curriculum.

3.4 Evaluation on the Developed SSI-Based Module on Genetic Engineering

Prior to the conduct of pilot testing, the developed SSI-Based Module underwent evaluation by a panel of experts composed of SSI experts and science educators. A scoring rubric adopted from the study of Foulk, Sadler and Friedrichsen (2020) was utilized, which contained the following components Focal Issue, Learning Objectives, Science Content, Social Connections, Assessment, Information Communications Technology (ICT), and Closure.

Table 3. Panel of Experts Rating on the SSI-Based Module

	SSIM-E1	SSIM-E2	SSIM-E3	MEAN	DESCRIPTION
A. Focal Issue	2.33°	3°	3°	2.78	Very Satisfactory
B. Learning Objectives	2.66°	3°	2.33°	2.66	Very Satisfactory
C. Science Content	2.6°	3°	2.4°	2.66	Very Satisfactory
D. Social Connections	3°	3°	2 ^b	2.66	Very Satisfactory
E. Assessment	2 ^b	3°	3°	2.66	Very Satisfactory
F. ICT	3°	3°	3°	3	Very Satisfactory
G. Closure	3°	3°	3°	3	Very Satisfactory
Average	2.65°	3°	2.67°	2.77	Very Satisfactory
^a 0.00 - 1.00: Poor					
^b 1.01 − 2.00: Satisfactory					
$^{\circ}2.01 - 3.00$: Very					
Satisfactory					

The scoring rubric was composed of a 0-3-point scale where 0 indicates the absence of the component, 1 means that it is implied, 2 means explicit, and 3 means exemplary. As seen in table 3, all of the components of the scoring rubric were rated Very Satisfactory by all of the panel of experts. Hence, the developed SSI-based module had an overall rating of Very Satisfactory. This served as an indication that the developed module is an acceptable learning material.

3.5 Comments and Suggestions of the Panel of Experts on the Developed Module

During the evaluation of the developed SSI-based module, the panel of experts provided comments and suggestions to improve the quality of the module. Their comments and suggestions served as the basis for the revision of the module.

Table 4. The Changes Made on the SSI-Based Module Based on the Comments and

Suggestions of the Panel of Experts.

Comment	Old Version	Revised Version
and		
Suggestion		
"SSIM-		
E3: Do not	Let's Analyze	Let's Analyzee. You may answer the questions in English, Filipino, or the vernacular.
limit	1. From the articles that you have read, what controversial issue(s) is emphasized?	1. From the articles that you have read, what controversiar issue(s) is emphasized?
students'		
answers		
and allow		
them to		
express	2. Is the issue observable in your community? Were you aware about the issue? Briefly explain.	Is the issue observable in your community? Were you aware about the issue? Briefly explain.
their		
thoughts in		
a way that		
reflects		
their true		
reasoning,		
decision-		
making,		
and		
argmentati		
on skills."		
"SSIM-	Step 4: Transformation, inserting the gene into the cells of a crop plant.	Step 4: Transformation, inserting the gene into the cells of a
E1; SSIM-	The process of transformation involves the insertion of the desired transgene (ge	crop plant.
E3: It is	interest) construct into cells of the recipient plant	The process of transformation involves the insertion of the
important to cite any	species. In this process, scientists isolate tissue or cells from the cultivar (a cultivated plant with desired traits)	desired transgene (genes of interest) construct into cells of the recipient plant species. In this process, scientists isolate
references	they wish to transform and use one of several methods to	tissue or cells from the cultivar (a cultivated plant with desired
for figures/	insert the transgene into the tissue or cells. Two commonly used transformation methods include	traits) they wish to transform and use one of several methods to insert the transgene into the tissue or cells. The transgene
images	Agrobacterium tumefaciens-mediated transformation,	construct contains the following key features:
embedded	microinjection, electroporation and biolistics from transformation (aka gene gun). The biolistics method	A selectable marker that is used to select cells that successfully https://iostate.pressbooks.pub/genogbiotech/ci
in the	involves the use of high pressure to propel tungsten or gold	obtained the construct during the transformation process. A terminator sequence is included to mark the end of the transgene sequence for proper expression
module."	beads coated with DNA of the gene construct into plant cells. Agrobacterium-mediated plant transfe make us of Agrobacteria.	cells.
	1	

Comment	Old Version	Revised Version
and		
Suggestion		
"SSIM-	Let's Review	Let's Review
E1: Let's review	Define the Image. Put a description beside the image in each item.	Unscramble and Define the Image. Unscramble the words beside each item to get the name of the or process. Put a description beside the image in each item.
activity"	1.	1. A S D I M L P
(Page 24),		
scaffold		
them by	2.	2.COBIMRANENT AND -
using		
jumbled	3.	
words and		3.TINOPAGAROP (LONGNIC)
then let	N No.	
them		
define that word."		
word.		
"SSIM-		
E2:	ROLEPLAYING TASK	ROLEPLAYING TASK
Increase	This task will be done in groups. Divide the whole class into two groups. Each group will me discuss and plan with your members.	This task will be done in groups. The whole class will be divided into three groups. Each grou meet and discuss and plan with their members.
roles in all	In this group activity, one will play the role of a cancer patient who has to undergo gene the through CAR T-cell therapy and the other will play the role of a scientist. Each group must be able to:	In this group activity, one will play the role of a cancer patient who has to undergo gene the through CAR T-cell therapy, the other will play the role of a scientist, the last group will play the role counselor. Each group must be able to:
three	 Describe the advantages and disadvantages of gene therapy. Make a group decision whether you support it or you're against it. Then provide your explanation. Engage in a healthy discourse of ideas by presenting your answers on activity 2. Your performance 	 On Activity 1, you will be tasked to describe the advantages and disadvantages of gene therapy as a p On Activity 2, you are tasked to make a decision whether you support or you're against gene therapy.
activities	group, will be graded according to the rubric provided in Lesson 1.1.	3. After answering activity 1, all groups are tasked to record a 3-5 minutes video presenting your answ activity 1. Your performance, as a group, will be graded according to the rubric provided on page 19.
under	Let's Work Together	Let's Work Together
roleplaying task."	ACTIVITY 1. What role is your group playing? Put a check in the box.	462-1111. What role is your group playing? Put a check in the
task.	Patient Scientist	Patient Scientist Counselor
"SSIM-	© REFERENCES	™REFERENCES
E1: Write	https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/genagbiotech/chapter/genetic-engineering/ https://www.britowice.goog/biography/Coorg/Mildrig	A new treatment for patients with blood cancer: how it works. (n.d.). Philstar.com. Retrieved https://www.philstar.com/other-sections/supplements/2023/02/08/2243214/new-treatment-patients-blood-cancer-how-it-works American Society of Gene + Cell Therapy, (2022, January 6). Gene Therapy Basics ASGCT - American Society
your	 https://www.britannica.com/biography/Cssar-Milstein https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=/OpU_CQ0pFyQ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=/AhiPd4uhNY 	
reference	 https://businessmirror.com.ph/2022/06/21/impact-of-gmos-in-the-philippines/ https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Agriculture/Philippines-stirs-controversy-with-geneticall 	theory-basics similation 27. Basic principle of recombinant DNA technology. (n.d.). Www.youtube similation 27. Basic principle of recombinant DNA technology. (n.d.). Www.youtube similation 27. Basic principle of recombinant DNA technology. Behran, M. (2014). Specimber 27. Philippines are controversy with genetically modified rice. Nikkei speciman aikkei com Biosines/Agriculture/Philippines-stre-outversy-with-genetically-modified-rice BioSinga. (n.d.). Groot Feeringy in Biosines/Agriculture/Philippines-stre-outversy-with-genetically-modified-rice BioSinga. (n.d.). Groot Feering in Biosines/Agriculture/Philippines-stre-outversy-with-genetically-modified-rice BioSinga. (n.d.). Groot
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academic		https://www.leitamiea.com/baspathy/Cesar-Milstein BusinessMirror. (2022. June 21) The Impact of GMO Crops in the Philippines. BusinessM https://businessmirror.com/ab/02/2009.1/mpset-of-grace-in-the-philippines/
style (ex.		
APA)"		
"SSIM-	WHAT WILL I LEARN FROM THIS MODULE?	WHAT WILL I LEARN FROM THIS MODULE?
E3: Main	At the end of this module, you should be able to:	At the end of this module, you should be able to: 1. Describe the process of genetic engineering.
objectives	Describe the process of genetic engineering.	Determine the applications of genetic engineering. Identify issues present in each application of genetic engineering. Present the advantages and disadvantages of the applications of genetic engineering.
should	 Determine the applications of genetic engineering. Identify issues present in each application of genetic engineering. 	Reflect on the value of genetic engineering.
have		
cognitive,		
affective,		
psychomot		
poychomot		
or domain."		

From the comments and suggestions of the evaluators on table 4, there were a total of six comments and suggestions. Comment and suggestion number 1, the previous activities where the students need to answer questions related to the activity the instruction was to only answer in English. Upon evaluation SSIM-E3 commented that students should be able to freely express their opinions when answering the questions. The addition of the instruction stating that the students are free to answer the questions in English, Tagalog, or Bisaya was how the module was revised. It was done so that the students would not find difficulty in stating their answers and it would allow them to discuss in detail their ideas.

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For comment and suggestion number 2, SSIM-E1 and SSIM-E3 stated that all figures and images should contain the sources where it was originally from. The older version did not contain any description to the image and there were no links. The new version contained its proper description and link.

Comment and suggestion number 3 was about revising the activity found in page 24 of the module. The old version of the activity was perceived to be hard. The students would have difficulty naming the image and providing description. SSIM-E1 suggested that the name for the image should be jumbled and the students are tasked to unscramble the letters to obtain the answer. They were also tasked to give the description based from the unscrambled letters. For comment and suggestion number 4, SSIM-E2 suggested to increase the roles in the roleplaying task. To further integrate critical thinking and decision-making skills among students the roles in all of the roleplaying tasks in the module were increased. The role of a counselor and moral representative were added.

Comment and suggestion number 5 was about changing the way the references were presented in the module. SSIM-E1 suggested to present the references in an academic style, thus, the references followed the APA format. Lastly, comment and suggestion number 6 was about improving the main objectives of the developed module. The old version contained objectives which mostly covered the cognitive domain only. The new version included objectives under the psychomotor and affective domain. It is important for the objectives of an activity or lesson to cover all three domains to ensure that the learner develops holistically.

4. Conclusion

Derived from the findings and analysis of the results, Science teachers recognized Genetic Engineering as a hard topic to discuss. There is a lack of resources and laboratory activities to help in the discussion of the topic. The Senior High School students were found to have sufficient knowledge on genetically modified organisms and cloning but there is a lack of knowledge on gene therapy. They found Genetic Engineering hard to understand and more time is needed in studying on their own, making further research, and watching videos on the web.

It was also concluded that the developed SSI-based module was rated Very Satisfactory in all components by the panel of experts, and hence an acceptable learning material. From the comments and suggestions, the module needed to be revised in only a few aspects but overall, it was an engaging learning material.

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