

**Question for written answer E-004188/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: GRACE (GMO Risk Assessment and Communication of Evidence) and GM-TwYST (Genetically modified plants Two Year Safety Testing)

Before researchers investigate a company's GM crop, they must sign an agreement with the proprietary company. This agreement can impose conditions on researchers: for example, results may have to be shown to the company prior to submission to journals for publication, or publication may be restricted or banned.

The researchers' interpretation of the findings of the GRACE (GMO Risk Assessment and Communication of Evidence) 90-day trial is that there were no ill effects in the GM-fed group. However, independent scientists from Testbiotech are concerned that the statistically significant changes observed do not support this interpretation.

Given that the GRACE project and G-TwYST (Genetically modified plants Two Year Safety Testing) 2-year animal-feeding trial are publicly funded, and must be transparent to gain public trust:

1. Was any agreement signed between the GRACE researchers and Monsanto – the developer of MON810 maize – and, if so, when will the Commission publish it?
2. When will the results of the 1-year rat-feeding trial, undertaken with MON810 maize under the GRACE project, be published in a peer-reviewed journal?
3. Has any agreement been signed, or will one be signed, between GM-proprietary companies and researchers on the EU-funded G-TwYST 2-year animal-feeding trial, and, if so, when will the Commission publish it?