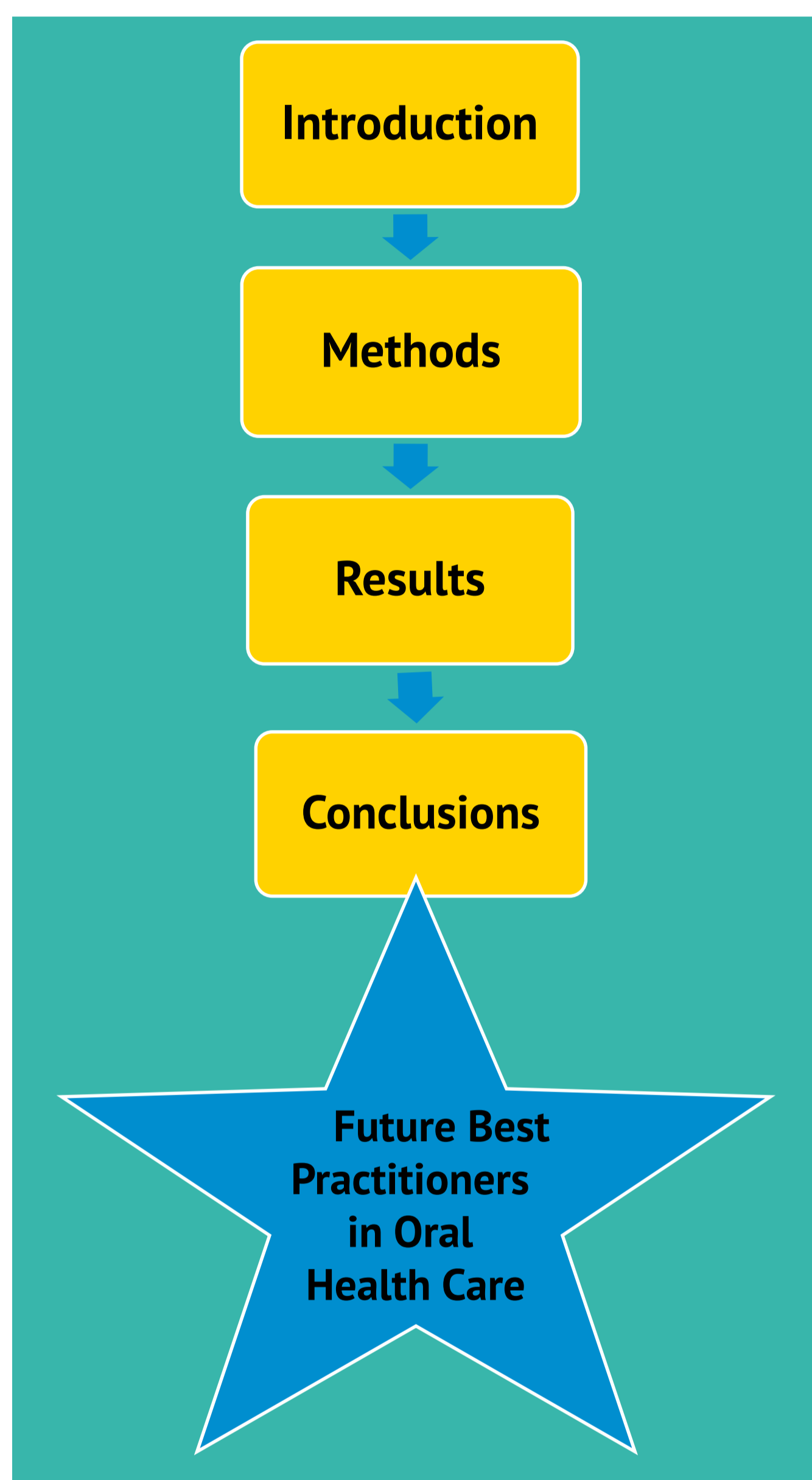


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Introduction The main aim of the Oral Hygiene Nordplus development project, 'Current Best Practices in Oral Health' (5 ECTS), is to increase the quality of education in the oral health programs in the Nordic Baltic region. The course based also partly on teacher's long experience in their work as teachers.

Methods Course was designed to bring together the latest knowledge in the area of Oral Health. Together we created a high quality International study module, which universities would not have been able to implement alone. Optima-LMS platform was used for the building of study module. Each country was responsible for a specific part in online-course. The amount of students in course was 117 in spring 2015. Course lasted 7 weeks.

Results Students evaluated actuality, comprehensibility, design and benefits of course. Averages were

- 3.57 (part of Latvia); subject – Caries risk Assessment Methods
- 3.64 (part of Lithuania); subject – Prevention of Oral Diseases
- 3.65 (part of Finland); subject - Benefit of Xylitol

Evaluation of the students included following commentaries:

- "The idea of International eLearning was very good idea.
- I would have liked to discuss more with other students and learn more about their education system.
- I learned to use English dental terms, which was good.
- Course caused a lot of work, Optima-LMS was new tool and the schedule was strict".

Conclusions On-line course was an example how to create a compound course between different countries in spite of the language, because they had still a mutual language, English. All learned some new phrases and words about DH. Course was a pilot course, which needs to be developed furthermore.

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