# PROMOTING SOFT-SKILLS DEVELOPMENT BY ACTIVE LEARNING:

#### WIKI AND VIDEO-BASED STRATEGIES

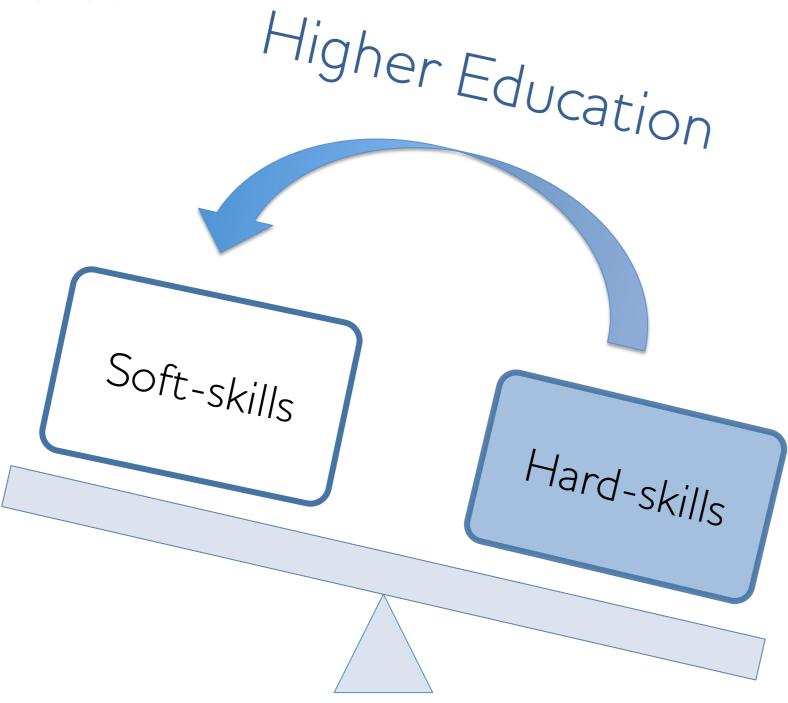
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#### INTRODUCTION

In the Digital era, the development of hard-skills is facilitated and in the context of current employment competitiveness, the soft-skills seem to assume great importance at the time of employer's recruitment. It is important, therefore, that the Higher Education promotes among its students the development of a wide range of complementary skills to their specialization area.

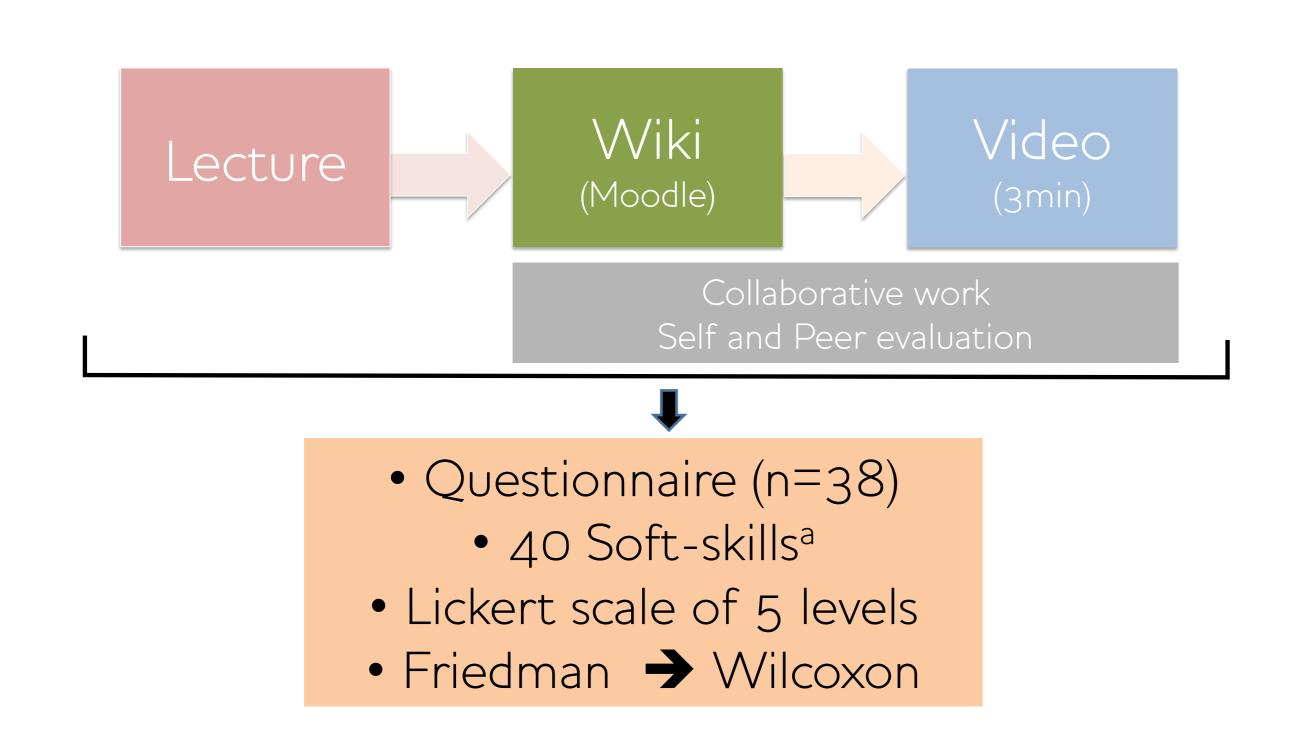


### AIM

This study aimed to evaluate the impact of 3 teaching/learning strategies for developing students' soft-skills: traditional lectures, Wiki construction and video creation.

### METHODS

Microbiology CU of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semestre of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of BSc + MSc of Dentistry – Faculty of Dental Medicine (5 years):



#### RESULTS

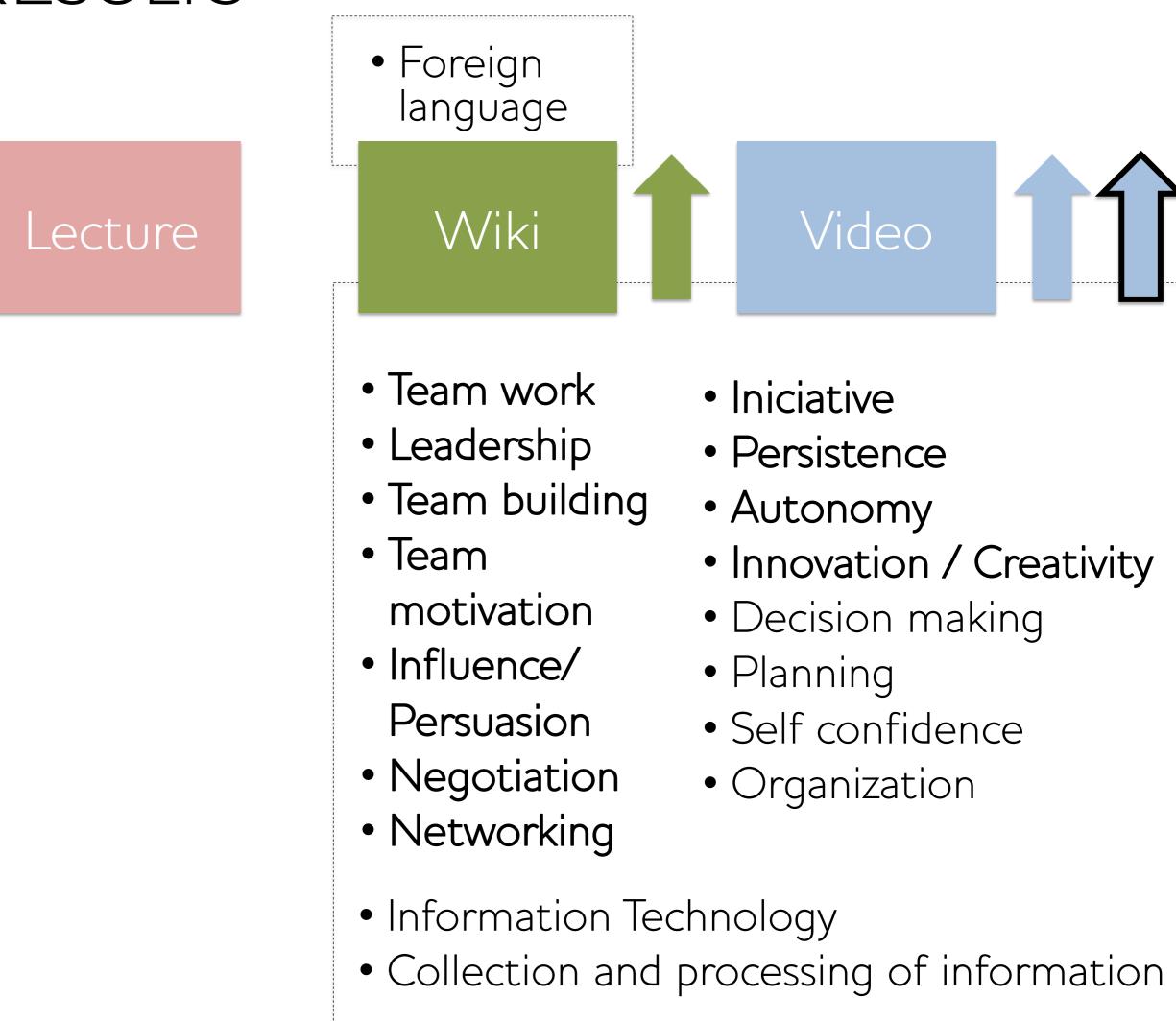


Fig 1. Soft-skills that were more developed by Wiki and Video in comparison to traditional lecture, in students opinion.



Fig 2. Soft-skills that were more developed by each individual strategy, in students opinion.

## CONCLUSION

The development of soft-skills within Microbiology education seems to be more enhanced as a result of alternative strategies such as wiki construction or video creation that promote more active students engagement.

#### REFERENCE

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