

Writing the first paper

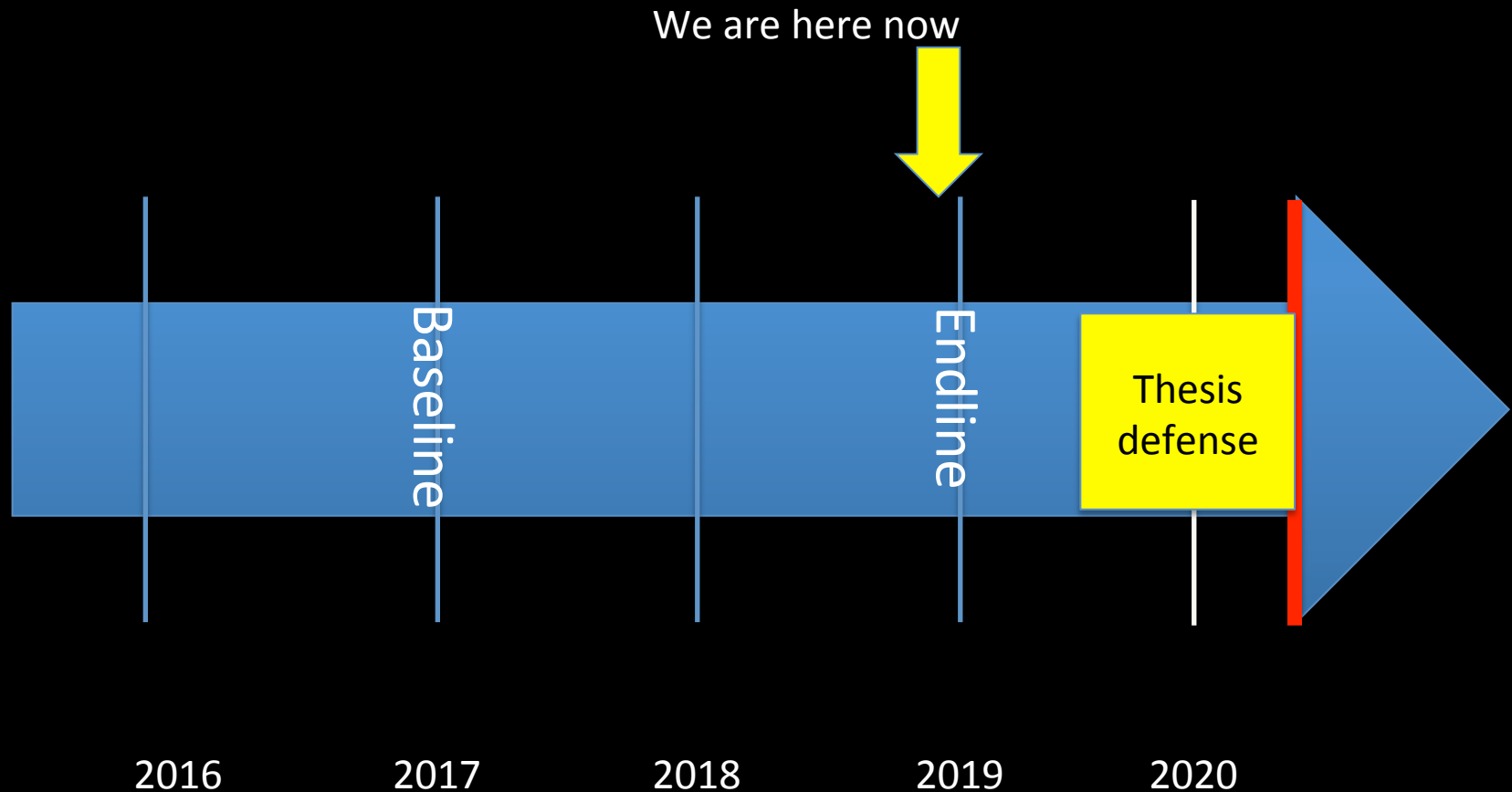
Some observations and suggestions

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First: the Daggu project period



Reading literature in your field of study

- *Actively searching, all the time*
- *Becoming a master of current literature in your field*

Selecting appropriate references

- *Backing up statements*
- *Preferably original peer-reviewed publications*
- *Review papers vs. single original studies*

Selecting a suitable journal

- *With whom are you communicating?*
- *Is the journal interested in the type of manuscript you have?*
- *Beware of the many new low-quality web-based journals!*

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- *Plan analyses before, based on aims – run those analyses*
- *You should master the data, not the other way around*
- *Multivariable analyses should only be done when motivated (e.g. if adjustment for multiple confounders is needed)*

How to manage supervisors' comments

- *Write detailed answers to each comment or suggestion*
- *This is also good training for the rebuttal letters you need to phrase when receiving reviewers' comments from journals*

Communicating: solving problems along the way

- *Ask supervisors or other advisors when the problem arises – don't waste your and your supervisors' time by running into the wrong direction!*
- *A public health paper is team work, not a solo performance!*

This is the way we will discuss your papers!

