Proposal Acronym	TEARS
Proposal Title:	The role of the human tearful crying for social functioning and well-being
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Research area:	Information science and Engineering ENG,Life sciences LIF,Social Sciences and Humanities SOC
Sub-discipline of research area:	Evolution of mind and cognitive functions - animal communication; Neuropsychology and cognitive psychology; Clinical and experimental psychology; Computer graphics, computer vision, image analysis, data visualisation; Cognitive Science, human computer interaction, natural language processing; Cardiovascular diseases; Behavioral neuroscience; Systems evolution - biological adaptation - phylogenetics - systematics;
Category of research:	basic
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Abstract: The applicant will develop a new line of experimental research on human crying by using multidisciplinary perspectives including psychology of emotion, evolutionary and personality psychology, psychophysiology and communication sciences. The objectives are to enhance the understanding of the intra- and inter-personal functions of crying and their benefits for human well-being. The first goal is to answer whether crying basically results in mood improvements, which psychological and physiological mechanisms are relevant for these effects and which personality and contextual factors may preclude them. The second goal is to explore the effects of visual and olfactory perception of tears on social behavior. The research will result in two newly developed and tested models of human crying, new methodological tools useful for both research and applied (clinical, personnel selection) purposes and enhancement of the applicant's leading role in the laboratory research at his home institution.

Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?:	Yes