

Proposal Acronym	CONVINce-ME
Proposal Title:	The Concept of Vulnerability in Medical Ethics
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Research area:	Life sciences LIF,Social Sciences and Humanities SOC
Sub-discipline of research area:	Medical ethics; Ethics and morality - bioethics
Category of research:	basic
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Abstract:	<p>The project aims at the analysis of the concept of vulnerability and the justifiability of its applications in discussions in medical ethics, with the special focus on the issue of end of life decisions (physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, limitation of life sustaining treatment etc.). The concept itself is notably under-theorized, nevertheless the descriptor 'vulnerable' is used in almost every discussion in the field of medical ethics. This project is divided into three phases: 1) outlining the concept: analysis of key international (declarations, conventions) and national documents (related laws in Germany and Croatia) that stipulate protection for vulnerable individuals and/or populations in the field of (bio)medicine; 2) central activity: research on the relation between vulnerability, exploitation, and compassion; 3) contextualization of results: validation of results on an example of end of life decisions.</p>
Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?:	No