Dear Emiliano Sisinni and Alessandro Depari, Section Editors of the MetroInd4.0&IoT Special Issue of Acta IMEKO.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit an extended and revised version of our paper, entitled “Applying Heuristics for Selecting and Prioritizing Security Assessment Items: the case of ISO/IEC 27001”. The comments on MetroInd4.0&IoT version were very helpful, and we believe our article improved thanks to them.

In summary, we changed:

* We provide a new title to distinguish the extended paper from the original MetroInd4.0&IoT paper:
  + MetroInd4.0&IoT Title: “Coverage-based Heuristics for Selecting Assessment Items from Security Standards: a core set proposal”.
  + Acta IMEKO Title: “Applying Heuristics for Selecting and Prioritizing Security Assessment Items: the case of ISO/IEC 27001”.
* We extended the paper to remove size limitations the Workshop required for its proceedings:
  + The MetroInd4.0&IoT paper has 4009 words, while the Acta IMEKO paper has 6670 words (an increasing around 66%).
* Our paper was updated to take into account progress since the submission and MetroInd4.0&IoT feedback:
  + The abstract was rewritten to be more concise and focused, as well as to follow the Acta IMEKO size recommendation;
  + Section 2: “LITERATURE REVIEW AND RELATED WORK” was expanded to include new content about existing works, introduce concepts and better situate our contributions;
  + Section 3: “HCAPP-SEC – HEURISTICS AND CRITERIA BASED APPROACH FOR SELECTING AND ANALYZING SECURITY ASSESSMENT ITEMS” presents a revised heuristic set, this includes new heuristics (some were removed). The heuristics is now better explained in the text and we provide a new table with the synthesis of the proposed security assessment heuristics;
  + Section 4: “APPLYING HEURISTICS TO ISO/IEC 27001” includes new content about the application of the heuristics to ISO/IEC 27001 source. It includes tables of the revised heuristics with more details about the application, a new figure about the application of H-ParetoPercentage heuristics, and a new figure presenting a visualization of the assessment items of the ISO/IEC 27001 source according to CovDM and CovPP measures;
  + Section 5 and 6 were revised to discuss our revised results and to highlight the papers’ contributions.
  + We also included new relevant references in the paper.

Finally, the new version of our article was thoroughly revised to improve readability.