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Dear Guest Editors,

Once again, thanks for accepting to include in the Special Issue the paper I co-authored with Dr Cristina Di Stefano. The attached paper represents an improvement of the one presented at the MetroInd2019 Conference in Naples entitled “Do Industry 4.0 technologies matter when companies evaluate reshoring decisions?”.

In this extended version of the paper, we updated to August 2019 the structured review of the backshoring literature (in the previous version it was limited to December 2018). Consequently, we analyzed 25 more articles, of which 14 specifically referred to the Industry 4.0 phenomenon and its relationship with the relocations of second degree (including the backshoring one).

Moreover, we further investigated how the different Industry 4.0 technologies may impact on the reshoring decisions; in this respect, we verified if they may act as a drivers/enabling factors. Finally, we specifically investigated the European context, since the partial difference between US and European approaches to the Industry 4.0 phenomenon. In this respect, we presented and discussed data regarding backshoring companies which coupled the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies and the decision to repatriate manufacturing activities.

We hope the new version may be consistent with your expectations.

Best regards.

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