Comments and Suggestions for Authors
(Will be shown to authors)

Authors present an interesting application for monitoring a machine tool with a digital HMI. They use known techniques and commercial devices to implement a monitoring device that can be useful to a limited segment of machines: those that have a screen where the data of the process is displayed, but whose HMI software is not prepared to communicate with external equipment. Here there are two main points to clarify:

- The estimation of the number of machines capable of linking to the network (10%, line 155) was made eighteen years ago. Although the lifetime of a machine it is said to be known as more than 10 to 15 years, looks like most of those machines should be now out of use.
- Further, although the machines were not prepared to connect to a network, they could be prepared to connect to a single device and allow the communication of the data to be monitored.

With all, an estimation of the answer to the question: “How many of the controls for machine tool sold in the last ten years do not allow the communication between the HMI and an external device?” will help to see the range of application of the presented device.