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Title of the final thesis:	Determinants of technology investment from China into other emerging markets: A comparative analysis

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