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Comments on a password authentication and update scheme based on elliptic curve cryptography

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**Abstract:** The security of a password authentication and update scheme based on elliptic curve cryptography proposed by Islam et al. [S.K. Hafizul Islam, G.P. Biswas, Design of improved password authentication and update scheme based on elliptic curve cryptography, Mathematical and Computer Modelling (2011), doi:10.1016/j.mcm.2011.07.001] is analyzed. Three kinds of attacks are presented in different scenarios.

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