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#### Abstract

Significant advances in wireless communication technologies have led to the emergence and proliferation of a wide range of mobile devices and mobile services.

However, the use of various cloud servers has made the traditional single-server
architecture, where we have one server and many users, inefficient in terms of its
performance. To address this drawback, multi-server architectures have been
proposed. Password or smart card-based authentication schemes suffer from
poor security in the multi-server environment and as a result biometrics have
become a preferred choice for secure and robust authentication because of its
close link with the physical characteristics of an individual. Recently Kumari
and Li et al. proposed a biometrics-based authentication scheme for multiserver environment. However, we found that their scheme fails to meet user
anonymity requirement and is vulnerable to several attacks. First, we describe

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