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Reviewer: 1

Recommendation: A - Publish Unaltered

Comments:
The authors have previously addressed the issues I raised. In my opinion, the paper is now ready for publication.

Additional Questions:
1. Is the topic appropriate for publication in these transactions?: Adequate Match

1. Is the paper technically sound?: Yes

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Explain: The paper modifies an existing protocol, improving its efficiency.

3. Is the contribution significant?: Incremental

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5. Rate the Bibliography: Satisfactory

1. How would you rate the overall organization of the paper?: Satisfactory

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4. Are symbols, terms, and concepts adequately defined?: Yes

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Reviewer: 3

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Comments:
In this revision, the authors have addressed my feedback and sufficiently justified the remaining open points. Thus, in my opinion, the paper is ready for publication. I recommend a final language polishing for the final version.

Additional Questions:
1. Is the topic appropriate for publication in these transactions?: Adequate Match

1. Is the paper technically sound?: Yes

2. How would you rate the technical novelty of the paper?: Novel Enough for Publication

Explain: As before: The baseline idea of the proposed scheme is similar to [24], but replaces the DH exchange between each pair of parties with a HPRG/seed for reducing communication costs.

3. Is the contribution significant?: Moderately Significant

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1. Is the topic appropriate for publication in these transactions?: Excellent Match

1. Is the paper technically sound?: Yes

2. How would you rate the technical novelty of the paper?: Novel Enough for Publication

Explain: Incremental work with improvement on protocol efficiency. Several novel techniques are added.

3. Is the contribution significant?: Incremental

4. Is the coverage of the topic sufficiently comprehensive and balanced?: Treatment somewhat unbalanced, but not seriously so

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2. Are the title and abstract satisfactory?: Yes

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4. Are symbols, terms, and concepts adequately defined?: Yes

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