Dear Dr. Binshan Lin,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Lin Teng, and I am writing to you as the corresponding author of the manuscript titled "An Encryption Scheme for Lossless Embedding of Multiple Images in Retinal Images Based on SSCS," submitted under the reference number ESWA-D-22-08174R2 to Expert Systems With Applications (ESWA).

I recently received the decision letter indicating that my manuscript has been rejected after two rounds of revisions. I appreciate the time and effort invested by the Associate Editor and Reviewer in providing feedback on the manuscript. I am also sorry that our revisions did not meet the satisfaction of the reviewer.

I am writing to express our concern about the reasons for rejecting our paper. We seldom lodge formal complaints against rejections. Regarding the statement that 'we failed to address the issues raised by Reviewer #1 in both revisions,' I am simply hoping for an opportunity to engage in further academic discussions with Reviewer #1, aiming to thoroughly resolve the existing issues.

I understand the challenges of the editorial process and the high standards upheld by ESWA. However, I am eager to address any identified shortcomings and, if possible, resubmit a revised version that aligns more closely with the journal's criteria.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to any insights or recommendations you can provide.

Best regards,

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