Dear Prof Visagie

This is the cover letter for our manuscript: Identifying secondary series for stepwise common singular spectrum analysis.

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Thank you for considering our submission.

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