

**Erratum: Optical gecko toe: Optically controlled attractive near-field forces between plasmonic metamaterials and dielectric or metal surfaces [Phys. Rev. B **85**, 205123 (2012)]**

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Equation (2), the time-averaged Maxwell stress tensor, is presented incorrectly. It should be

$$\langle T_{ij} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left[ \epsilon_0 \left( E_i E_j^* - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \sum_k E_k E_k^* \right) + \mu_0 \left( H_i H_j^* - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \sum_k H_k H_k^* \right) \right]. \quad (2)$$

There is no effect on the results presented—all were obtained using the correct form of the equation.