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Errata Slip #2

For the paper “With Great Power Come Great Side Channels: Statistical Timing Side-Channel Analyses with Bounded Type-1 Errors” by Martin Dunsche, Marcel Maehren, and Nurullah Erinola, *Ruhr University Bochum*; Robert Merget, *Technology Innovation Institute*; Nicolai Bissantz, *Ruhr University Bochum*; Juraj Somorovsky, *Paderborn University*; Jörg Schwenk, *Ruhr University Bochum* (Friday session, "Crypto VIII: Side Channel", pp. 6686–6704 of the Proceedings), the authors provide the following correction on pages 6689 and 6699. In the original paper, we reported a timing vulnerability in NSS as exploitable. While this was initially confirmed by the NSS developers, a subsequent discussion led to the conclusion that the timing leaks do not enable an attacker to mount a Bleichenbacher attack.

Original Contribution Claim #4 (Section 1, p. 6689)

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