

**A CORRECTION ON  
 “SOME NONDIFFEOMORPHIC HOMEOMORPHIC  
 HOMOGENEOUS 7-MANIFOLDS WITH POSITIVE  
 SECTIONAL CURVATURE”**

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As was pointed out to us by L. Astey, E. Micha & G. Pastor the homeomorphism result in [3] Theorem 3.1 is not correct. They have examples [1] of two non-homeomorphic smooth spin manifolds as in Theorem 3.1 with fourth cohomology group of the same order where the invariants  $\bar{s}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  agree. In these examples the invariant  $s_2$  is different suggesting that the statement has to be modified by requesting instead of the equality of  $\bar{s}_2$  the equality of  $s_2$  (recall that  $\bar{s}_2$  was simply defined as  $2s_2$ ). Theorem 3.1 is based on Proposition 3.2 which in [2] was originally only proved in the smooth category. We assumed that the proof also works in the topological category; this is not true and Proposition 3.2 only holds in the smooth category. At the moment we do not have a classification for topological manifolds. As we will explain below, at least for smooth manifolds the invariant  $s_2$  is a homeomorphism invariant and one can obtain a homeomorphism classification of smooth manifolds from their diffeomorphism classification. A correct formulation of Theorem 3.1 is:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be smooth manifolds of type (2.1) such that  $|H^4(M; \mathbb{Z})| = |H^4(M'; \mathbb{Z})|$  which are both spin or both nonspin. Then  $M$  is diffeomorphic (homeomorphic) to  $M'$  if and only if  $s_i(M) = s_i(M')$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  (resp.  $28s_1(M) = 28s_1(M')$  and  $s_i(M) = s_i(M')$  for  $i = 2, 3$ ).*

Note that the applications to the homeomorphism and diffeomorphism classification of the Wallach spaces is not affected by the mistake

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