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For the class of examples in Section 5 of the article in question, the proof of finite generation of cohomology is incomplete. We give here a proof of existence of a polynomial subalgebra needed there. The rest of the proof of finite generation given by the authors then applies.

Let *k* be a field of characteristic p > 2. Let *A* be the augmented *k*-algebra generated by *a* and *b*, with relations

$$a^{p} = 0, \quad b^{p} = 0, \quad ba = ab + \frac{1}{2}a^{2},$$

and augmentation $\varepsilon : A \to k$ given by $\varepsilon(a) = \varepsilon(b) = 0$. Let *G* be a cyclic group of order *p* with generator *g*, acting on *A* by

$$g(a) = a, \quad g(b) = a + b.$$

The corresponding skew group algebra A#kG is a pointed Hopf algebra described in [Cibils et al. 2009, Corollary 3.14]. We remark that in Section 4 of the article we are correcting, referred to as [NW 2014], we used the left *G*-module structure with g(a) = a and g(b) = b - a, whereas the authors in [Cibils et al. 2009; Nguyen et al. 2017] used the right *G*-module structure given as above. We will apply the results in [Nguyen et al. 2017] to prove that the cohomology $H^*(A\#kG, k) := Ext^*_{A\#kG}(k, k)$ is finitely generated, and this will fill a gap in the proof in [NW 2014, Section 5]. Thus we will now also adopt the choices of group actions in [Cibils et al. 2009; Nguyen et al. 2017] instead of that in [NW 2014]. This change does not affect the results discussed in [NW 2014, Section 4].

Let k be an A#kG-module via the augmentation map ε . To prove finite generation of H^{*}(A#kG, k), we wish to apply [NW 2014, Theorem 3.1]. We use results in [Nguyen et al. 2017], where the notation is slightly different, with x in place of a and y in place of b. There it is shown that there are 2-cocycles ξ_a , ξ_b in H^{*}(A, k) generating a polynomial subring $k[\xi_a, \xi_b]$. These 2-cocycles are not both G-invariant, as was claimed in [NW 2014]; specifically, in [Nguyen et al. 2017] it is shown that ξ_a is G-invariant while ξ_b is not. The claimed G-invariance was used in [NW 2014, Section 5] to show that ξ_a and ξ_b are

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in the image Im(res_{*A*#*k*G,*A*}) of the restriction map from H^{*}(*A*#*k*G, *k*) to H^{*}(*A*, *k*). However, results in [Nguyen et al. 2017, Section 5.1] imply directly that ξ_a , ξ_b are in Im(res_{*A*#*k*G,*A*}); the needed elements in H^{*}(*A*#*k*G, *k*) are constructed explicitly using a twisted tensor product resolution in [Nguyen et al. 2017, Section 3.3]. Now the rest of the finite generation proof in [NW 2014, Section 5] can proceed as before, since it is shown there that the rest of the hypotheses of [NW 2014, Theorem 3.1] are satisfied. An alternative proof is given in [Nguyen et al. 2017, Section 5.1].

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