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**Purification of Noisy Entanglement and Faithful Teleportation via Noisy Channels**  
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(1) The parenthetical expression beginning five lines before Eq. (4) should be replaced by “[A continuum of rotations is unnecessary. An arbitrary two-spin state can be rendered into Bell-diagonal form by randomly applying one of the four discrete bilateral rotations  $\{I, B_x^2, B_y^2, B_z^2\}$ . If desired, the three triplet terms on the diagonal can then be equalized, producing a Werner state, by randomly applying one of the three bilateral rotations  $\{B_x, B_y, B_z\}$ . Here  $B_{x,y,z}$  denote bilateral versions of the rotations  $R_x(\pi/2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $R_y(\pi/2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $R_z(\pi/2) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\pi/4} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\pi/4} \end{pmatrix}$ ].”

(2) Two lines before Eq. (7) the fraction  $\frac{1}{4}$  should be replaced by  $\frac{5}{9}$ . (3) The text immediately following Eq. (10) should be replaced by “each having entropy of entanglement equal to the right side of Eq. (9), while for  $F \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $W_F$  can be prepared by combining equal mixtures of two Bell states. To see that such two-Bell mixtures are unentangled, note that an equal mixture of  $\Phi^+$  and  $\Phi^-$  is the same as an equal mixture of  $\uparrow\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow\downarrow$ , while the other two-Bell mixtures can be prepared from the  $\Phi^\pm$  mixture by local  $B$  and  $\sigma$  operations”. (4) In line four of the next-to-last paragraph “is” should be inserted after “This.” In the last line of this same paragraph “probably” should be changed to “provably.”

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[1] C. H. Bennett, D. DiVincenzo, J. A. Smolin, and W. K. Wootters, Phys. Rev. A **54**, 3824–3851 (1996), Appendix A.