1015-58-297 Daniel Ruberman* (ruberman@brandeis.edu), Department of Mathematics, MS 050, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02445, and Nikolai Saveliev, Department of Mathematics, University of Miami, PO Box 249085, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Dirac operators on periodic-end manifolds and the Rohlin invariant. Preliminary report.

This is a continuation of our program to relate the 3– and 4–dimensional Rohlin invariants to gauge theory. Using foundational work of Taubes, we investigate the Dirac operator on an end-periodic 4–manifold. This gives rise to a metric-dependent integral lift of the Rohlin invariant of a homology 3–sphere. Some basic properties of this invariant will be discussed, together with some potential applications. (Received February 07, 2006)