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77843, and **Nick J. Wright**. *Exact groups and bounded cohomology*.

A classical theorem due to B.E. Johnson and Ringrose characterizes amenable groups in terms of vanishing of bounded cohomology with coefficients in all dual Banach modules. Exactness is a weak, metric amenability property of groups and Higson asked whether there is a characterization of exact groups in terms of bounded cohomology. In this talk we will answer Higson's question affirmatively. (Received January 13, 2011)