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**Robert Boltje\*** (boltje@ucsc.edu) and **Philipp Perepelitsky**. *On  $p$ -permutation bimodules and equivalences between blocks of group algebras.*

Let  $F$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p > 0$  and let  $G$  and  $H$  be finite groups. An  $FG$ -module is called a  $p$ -permutation module if its restriction to a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is a permutation module. Similarly one defines  $p$ -permutation bimodules for  $FG$  and  $FH$ . Assume now that  $A$  is a block of  $FG$  and  $B$  is a block of  $FH$ . Motivated by Rickard's notion of splendid chain complexes in connection with Broué's Abelian Defect Group Conjecture, we define a  $p$ -permutation equivalence between  $A$  and  $B$  to be a virtual  $p$ -permutation  $(A, B)$ -bimodule  $\gamma$  in an appropriate representation group such that  $\gamma \otimes_H \gamma^\circ = [A]$  and  $\gamma^\circ \otimes_G \gamma = [B]$ . Every splendid Rickard equivalence between  $A$  and  $B$  (a finite chain complex of  $p$ -permutation  $(A, B)$ -bimodules) induces such an element  $\gamma$  by taking Lefschetz elements.

We investigate which invariants of blocks are preserved under  $p$ -permutation equivalences, prove some restrictive properties about their shape and present results on the group of  $p$ -permutation auto-equivalences of a block. (Received September 02, 2014)