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Recall the group  $\mathrm{GSpin}(V)$ , which is a central  $\mathrm{GL}(1)$  extension of  $\mathrm{SO}(V)$ . I will explain how certain old calculations related to the standard L-functions of automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(V)$  can be done easily by lifting to  $\mathrm{GSpin}(V)$ . The reason that  $\mathrm{GSpin}(V)$  is easier to work with in this context has to do with Godement-Jacquet theory, in the sense of Braverman-Kazhdan and Bouthier-Ngo-Sakellaridis. More precisely, we explain how  $\mathrm{GSpin}(V)$  has a nice “approximate” Godement-Jacquet theory, different from the “exact” formulation of Braverman-Kazhdan yet similar to the classical theory on  $\mathrm{GL}(n)$ . (Received August 19, 2016)