For lack of accuracy in our numerical calculations the precision of our old results for \( N \geq 20 \) was only \( 10^{-2} \). This problem happened because we used the ground-state function that approximates the energy up to \( 10^{-7} \) to evaluate the correlation functions assuming that the error in these functions would be the same. This criterion proves to be correct for \( N = 18 \) but it is not accurate enough for \( N \geq 20 \). Now we present the correlation functions with an error of \( 10^{-6} \) as was claimed in our paper. The conclusions of our work remain the same.

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**Erratum: Decay of a metastable state: A variational approach**


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In Eq. (5), the right-hand side should be multiplied by a factor of \( \pi \). The numerical values, in Tables I through IV, were calculated with the correct formula.