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**Terrence R Blackman\*** (tblackman@mec.cuny.edu), c/o Department of Mathematics, Medgar Evers College, CUNY, 1638 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225. *On the Arithmetic and Geometry of Quaternion Algebras: a new spectral correspondence for Maass waveforms.*

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an indefinite rational division quaternion algebra with discriminant  $d$  equal to  $pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are primes such that  $p, q > 2$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_{pq}$  be a maximal order in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Further, let  $\mathcal{O}_{pq, p^{2r}q^{2s}}$ ,  $r, s \geq 1$  be an order of index  $p^{2r}q^{2s}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{pq}$  with Eichler invariant equal to negative one at  $p$  and at  $q$ . Finally, let  $\mathcal{O}_{pq, p^{2r}q^{2s}}^1$  be the cocompact Fuchsian group given as the group of units of norm one in  $\mathcal{O}_{pq, p^{2r}q^{2s}}$ . Using the classical the Selberg trace formula, we show that the positive Laplace eigenvalues, including multiplicities, for Maass newforms on  $\mathcal{O}_{pq, p^{2r}q^{2s}}^1$  coincides with the Laplace spectrum for Maass newforms defined on the Hecke congruence group  $\Gamma_0(M)$  where,  $M$ , the level of the congruence group, is equal to  $p^{2r+1}q^{2s+1}$ , i.e., the discriminant of  $\mathcal{O}_{pq, p^{2r}q^{2s}}$ . (Received September 13, 2011)