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Dear Dr. Rowles:

With this letter, we are submitting our re-revised manuscript entitled “Immunomodulatory activity of polysaccharides isolated from Clerodendrum splendens: Beneficial effects in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis.” We have revised the manuscript according to the Reviewer’s comments and provide a point-by-point response for each of the comments. We thank the Reviewers for helpful comments and feel these revisions have improved this manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration of this revised manuscript.

Sincerely,
Mark T. Quinn, Ph.D.
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Responses to Reviewer #1 Comments

1. There are some concerns about the NMR part as all the assumptions about structures are made on a very crowded and overlapping proton NMR (without water-suppression, running on a low temperature and without an internal standard (although it is indicated that TMS is used in the method section) and most anomeric signals is located under the water peak. To this reviewers knowledge the information obtained from the NMR is too limited for such complex mixtures of polysaccharides.

   **Response:** As suggested by the reviewer, the NMR aspects of this study were removed from the manuscript since they were already fairly limited.

2. Concerning the results of the Ethnopharmacological survey: Please add a table with the details of the information obtained

   **Response:** As suggested by the Reviewer, we have added a new table summarizing the Ethnopharmacological survey. See new Table 1 of the revised manuscript.

Responses to Reviewer #2 Comments

Minor Essential Revisions

1. In Figure12, there is a literal error as follows: 'CSP-UA1' -> 'CSP-AU1'.

   **Response:** We thank the reviewer for noticing this error. We have corrected Figure 12.