

UK NEQAS Virus Identification Scheme Scoring

Scoring for the Virus Identification scheme, endorsed by the National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel for Medical Microbiology

Adenovirus (type not required)		Cytomegalovirus	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct	2
Wrong type	1		
Echovirus (type not required)		Influenza A virus	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct	2
Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred)	2	Influenza virus	1
Enterovirus (not referred)	2, 1*		
Wrong type	1	Influenza B virus	
Coxsackievirus	0	Correct	2
Picornaviridae	0	Influenza virus	1
Coxsackie virus (group and type not required)		Parainfluenza virus type X (type not required)	
Correct type or untyped	2	Correct type or untyped	2
Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred)	2	Wrong type	1
Enterovirus (not referred)	2, 1*	Mumps/Measles virus	
Wrong type	1	Correct	2
Echovirus	0	Paramyxovirus	1
Picornaviridae	0	Respiratory Syncytial Virus	
Rhinovirus (type not required)		Correct	2
Correct type or untyped	2	In addition to the categories listed all reports are scored as follows:	
Wrong type or enterovirus	1	Unidentified agent	0
Coxsackievirus or echovirus	0	Named virus other than that specified	-1
Picornaviridae	0	Correct virus + an additional pathogen	-1
Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 or 2		No virus (for positive specimens)	0
Correct type	2	No virus (for negative specimens)	2
Untyped	1		
Wrong type	0		
Varicella Zoster Virus			
Correct	2		

* In compliance with P1 "Surveillance of polio in UK", issued by the Standards Unit, Microbiology Services Division, HPA: http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1317133980627 all laboratories should exclude Poliovirus or refer any Enterovirus isolate/RNA/cDNA to the Enteric Virus Unit (Microbiology Services Colindale) when isolated from a CSF sample and/or if clinical details indicate paralytic symptoms or neurological conditions and/or if the patient has recently been in an endemic region. Participants who do not exclude Poliovirus or do not refer will receive a score of 1. This is the only case where referral will affect participants' score.