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)
- Correct type or untyped: 2
- Wrong type: 1

**Echovirus** (type not required)
- Correct type or untyped: 2
- Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred): 2
- Enterovirus (not referred): 2, 1*
- Wrong type: 1
- Coxsackievirus: 0
- Picornaviridae: 0

**Coxsackie virus** (group and type not required)
- Correct type or untyped: 2
- Enterovirus (not poliovirus or referred): 2
- Enterovirus (not referred): 2, 1*
- Wrong type: 1
- Echovirus: 0
- Picornaviridae: 0

**Rhinovirus** (type not required)
- Correct type or untyped: 2
- Wrong type or enterovirus: 1
- Coxsackievirus or echovirus: 0
- Picornaviridae: 0

**Herpes Simplex Virus type 1 or 2**
- Correct type: 2
- Untyped: 1
- Wrong type: 0

**Varicella Zoster Virus**
- Correct: 2

**Cytomegalovirus**
- Correct: 2

**Influenza A virus**
- Correct: 2
- Influenza virus: 1

**Influenza B virus**
- Correct: 2
- Influenza virus: 1

**Parainfluenza virus type X** (type not required)
- Correct type or untyped: 2
- Wrong type: 1

**Mumps/Measles virus**
- Correct: 2
- Paramyxovirus: 1

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus**
- Correct: 2

In addition to the categories listed all reports are scored as follows:

- Unidentified agent: 0
- Named virus other than that specified: -1
- Correct virus + an additional pathogen: -1
- No virus (for positive specimens): 0
- No virus (for negative specimens): 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.