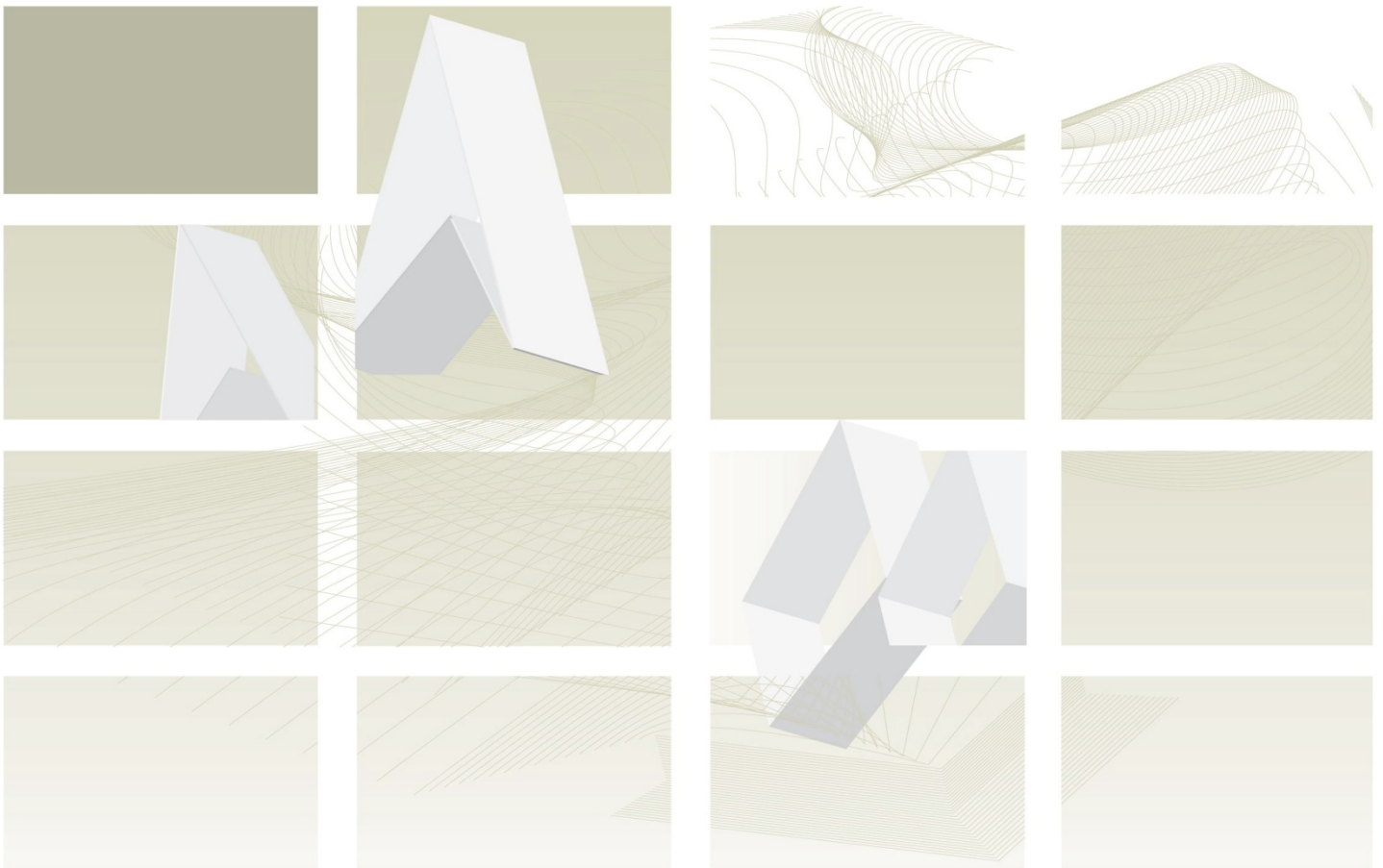




# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

**Review of Users' Comments** received by  
Working Group for Microbiology Standards in Clinical  
Virology/Serology

V 27 Hepatitis A Virus Acute Infection Serology



Recommendations are listed as ACCEPT/ PARTIAL ACCEPT/DEFER/ NONE or PENDING

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**PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES**

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	04/12/2012	<b>Lab Name</b>	Microbiology East & North Herts
<b>Section</b>	Flowchart and footnotes		
<b>Comment</b>			
I notice that specific comments regarding false positives found in patients with raised Rheumatoid Factor are not mentioned. This may be deliberate due to lack of substantial evidence. I am aware that some labs check for results of RF when interpreting any positive IgM result as part of the overall clinical picture.			
<b>Evidence</b>			
Web searches are sketchy when it comes to evidence.			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b> Rheumatoid Factor added to footnote 'c'.		

<b>Comment Number</b>	2		
<b>Date Received</b>	07/02/2013	<b>Lab Name</b>	Newcastle
<b>Section</b>	Flowchart P9		
<b>Comment</b>			
We do not believe it is useful to request a routine follow-up sample in cases of probable non-specific HAV IgM. This is not generally useful. A follow-up sample may be useful if HAV IgG is negative to look for seroconversion.			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>ACCEPT</b> Flowchart updated, 'please repeat to confirm' removed.		