

Table S1. Results of anti-HEV-antibody assays applied to serial dilutions of the WHO standard. Values indicate the arithmetic mean of two independent runs and are given as test specific measurement units. Positive and borderline-equivocal results are depicted in bold and italic, respectively. Considering the sigmoidal saturation curves, correlation was calculated for the linear range, i.e., 1:4–1:512 for IgG and undiluted–1:32 for IgM.

Dilution	EIA IgG ^a	LIA IgG ^b	CLIA IgG ^c	EIA IgM ^d	LIA IgM ^b	CLIA IgM ^e
undiluted	>25	8.60	29.82	4.05	2.65	3.25
1:2	>25	8.25	28.82	2.55	2.05	2.15
1:4	23.91	8.35	25.66	1.36	1.40	1.51
1:8	11.84	7.05	21.76	0.75	0.90	0.86
1:16	7.17	4.70	16.22	0.36	0.60	0.48
1:32	4.24	3.70	10.76	0.19	0.20	0.26
1:64	2.00	2.15	6.66	0.11	0.00	0.15
1:128	0.81	1.20	3.46	0.07	0.00	0.09
1:265	0.42	0.60	1.94	0.04	0.00	0.07
1:512	0.20	0.55	1.08	0.03	0.00	0.06
1:1024	n.d.	0.20	0.62	n.d.	0.00	0.06
1:2048	n.d.	0.20	0.41	n.d.	0.00	0.05
correlation:						
Pearson (r^*)	0.9978	0.9245	0.9131	0.9913	0.9486	0.9781
coefficient of determination (r^2)	0.9956	0.8548	0.8337	0.9826	0.8999	0.9568
rank correlation						
Spearman (r_{sp})	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

^a IU/mL; cut-off: ≥ 1.1 = positive (bold); 0.8–1.1 = equivocal (italic); <0.8 = negative; ^b S/CO band intensity of O2CCt3; cut-off: ≥ 1.0 = positive (bold); <1.0 = negative; ^c RLU index; cut-off: ≥ 1.1 positive (bold); 0.9–1.1 = equivocal (italic); <0.9 = negative; ^d ratio; cut-off: ≥ 1.1 = positive (bold); <0.8 = negative; ^e RLU index; cut-off: ≥ 0.5 positive (bold); 0.4–0.5 = equivocal (italic); <0.4 = negative; n.d. not done.

Table S2. HEV RNA PCR c(t) values, AST, ALT, and LIA IgG results of PCR positive cases. For case B, only a nested PCR but not a real-time PCR result was available. AST and ALT results in U / l. Serology results were only listed for LIA IgG since all other assays yielded positive results in all 20 cases. AST aspartate aminotransferase; ALT alanine aminotransferase.

Case	c(t) Value	AST	ALT	LIA IgG
A	30.0	2116	3392	positive
B	-	489	1137	positive
C	35.0	992	1629	positive
D	29.0	1495	2461	positive
E	26.0	456	641	positive
F	35.0	24	60	positive
G	24.6	79	<5	positive
H	31.4	1547	1930	positive
I	31.0	25	25	positive
J	33.2	153	1004	negative
K	31.8	72	265	positive
L	25.0	4360	4532	positive
M	20.0	1515	3310	positive
N	30.0	2011	1697	positive
O	31.0	103	579	positive
P	31.0	233	823	negative
Q	28.5	1351	2951	positive
R	29.0	127	205	positive
S	36.0	35	45	positive
T	25.8	406	746	negative