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Detection of Helicobacter pylori from gastric biopsy specimens

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This study was undertaken to find out the incidence of helicobacter pylori in Sri Lankan patients with peptic ulcer disease. The findings suggest the incidence of h.pylori infection is low in Sri Lankan patients with peptic ulcer disease. As the sensitivity of the culture is very low a combination of direct urease test and the gram stain smear of biopsy tissue are useful simple screening tests for the detection of the h.pylori infection.