A Signet-Ring Cell Carcinoma of the Stomach Endoscopically Recognized as a Tiny Discolored Spot

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A 4-mm diameter well demarcated slightly depressed discolored area (arrow) was seen in the anterior wall of the antrum in a 29-year-old woman (Figure 1) (1). It was biopsied twice. Since signet-ring cells were histologically identified (Figure 2, arrow), gastrectomy was carried out (2). Pathological examination showed that there was no residual cancer in the resected stomach. The signet-ring cell carcinoma was tiny, and had been completely removed by the two biopsies.