

CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
I- INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF WORK	i
II- REVIEW OF LITERATURE	
- History	1
- Taxonomy	6
- Microbiology	10
- Pathology and Pathogenesis	24
- Chlamydial Infections	26
- Laboratory Diagnosis	40
- Immune Response to Chlamydia Trachomatis	59
- Prevention and Control	64
- Epidemiology	67
III- MATERIALS AND METHODS	70
IV- RESULTS	83
- Tables	97
- Figures	110
V- DISCUSSION	113
VI- SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION	125
VII- APPENDIX	128
VIII- REFERENCES	132
IX- ARABIC SUMMARY	