## INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE WORK

Chronic hemolytic anemia is transfusion dependent anemias and it is life long replacement for these patients (Sher et al., 1993).

It is known that safest transfusion is no transfusion (Aoki et al., 1993).

Poly-transfused subjects are at increased risk of contracting hepatitis (El Alfy and Kamel 1994).

Thalassemic patients have high prevalence of HBV and HCV.

High prevalence of HCV antibody-positive are present among children and infants classified as thalassemias (73%) and hemophilia's (83%) (khalifa, et al., 1993).

So, the aim of the work is to study the incidence of viral hepatitis B and C among multi-transfused children.