## **CHAPTER II**

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the study in this thesis are:

- To develop molecular technique for detection of HCV RNA in blood donor sera, based on Polymerase Chain Reaction Technique.
- 2. To determine the presence of HCV RNA in seronegative and seropositive blood donors using Nested RT-PCR.
- 3. To assess the value of ALT testing as a complementary to anti-HCV screening blood donors for reducing posttransfusion hepatitis C.