

LIST OF CONTENT

	Pages
Acknowledgements	iv
List of tables	vi
List of figures	ix
Abbreviations used	xi
CHAPTER- I INTRODUCTION	1
CHAPTER- II HISTORICAL REVIEW	9
CHAPTER- III MATERIALS AND METHODS	20
CHAPTER- IV RESULTS	34
CHAPTER- V DISCUSSION	88
CHAPTER- VI SUMMARY	100
REFERENCES	103

Acknowledgements

I wish to express my deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to Dr. S.M.A. Abidi for his endless encouragement, diversified guidance, exuberant style of inspiration and support for the improvement on completion of this projects. It was a great privilege to work under his supervision.

I am forever indebted to Late Professor W.A. Nizami, Department of Zoology, A.M.U., Aligarh, who initiated my excitement for the study of Parasitology.

Sincere thanks are due to Professor A. K. Jafri, Chairman, Department of Zoology, A.M.U., Aligarh for providing the necessary laboratory facilities, and to Professor (Mrs.) Durdana S. Jatrajpur, Incharge, Section of Parasitology, for her encouragement during the tenure of this work.

I wish to express my special thanks to my colleagues, Dr. Khalid Saifullah, Dr. Gul Ahmad, Mrs. Nazneen B. Khan, Ms. Kavita Singh and Mr. Mirza Imtiyaz Baig without their help and cooperation my present endeavour would not have been successful.

I extend my great appreciation to Ms. Saba Ghani, my colleague, a good friend and a good sister, her constructive and enlightening criticism is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

I am thankful to Mr. Ramesh Chandra for parasite collection and for excellent care of experimental animals. I am grateful to Mr. Aslam and Mr. Rais Baig for typing the manuscript and Mr. Mujtaba saheb for photography.