

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

In this study, eight compounds were isolated from the methanol extract of *Dendrobium brymerianum*. They were structurally characterized as moscatilin [59], flavanthrinin [176], gigantol [50], lusianthridin [185], nobiletine [112], dendroflorin [110], denchrysan B [109], and tristatin [70]. These isolated compounds were evaluated for cytotoxic activity. Moscatilin [59], flavanthrinin [176], lusianthridin [185] and denchrysan B [109] exhibited cytotoxicity against KB cells. In addition moscatilin [59], gigantol [50], lusianthridin [185] and dendroflorin [110] showed cytotoxicity against H460 cells. Interestingly, moscatilin [59] and dendroflorin [110] also exhibited the potent anti-migration effect in the wound-healing assay at 48 hr. The present results agreed with previous reports in that moscatilin [60], a bibenzyl derivative, possesses strong cytotoxic activity.

Finally, the presence of bibenzyls, phenanthrenes and fluorenones in *D. brymerianum* could be useful information for the chemotaxonomic study of plants in the genus *Dendrobium*. The cytotoxicity and anti-migration effect of the isolated compounds suggested that this plant might be a promising source of new anticancer drugs.