CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

Men and women use language differently. It is because gender identity gives the influence in what way men and women use language. There are also lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender categorised as gender identity. Lakoff (1975) research on *Language and Woman's Place,* identifies women's linguistic features that distinguish from men. Lakoff (1975) proposed women's linguistic features in women utterances. These women's linguistic features are not only found in women utterances, but also in transgender women utterances. For instance, women's linguistic features are identified in Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox utterances who are American famous transgender women.

In this research, the writer focuses on analysing linguistics features used by American famous transgender women. Lakoff (1975) research on *Language and Woman's Place,* identifies women's linguistic features that distinguish from men. Lakoff (1975) proposed women's linguistic features in women utterances related to the place of women in society. Women's linguistic features are proposed by Lakoff, such as precise colours terms, avoidance strong words, 'empty' adjectives, tag questions, rising intonation on declarative, 'superpolite' forms, lexical hedges, intensifiers, 'hypercorrect' grammar and emphatic stress.

Having analysed 127 data, it is found that there are 4 linguistic features used by American famous transgender women, they are Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox in *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. The 4 linguistic features are empty adjectives, lexical hedges, intensifiers and emphatic stress. There are two

functions of the use of linguistic features. The functions are to intensify (boosting) and reduce (hedging) the strength of an assertion.

Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox who are two American famous transgender women utter lexical hedges dominantly and the function is to reduce (hedging) the strength of an assertion. It is assumed that they often reduce or weaken the strength of their assertion in their utterances.It is because the social - psychological aspect, consideration about sensitive topic (their experience as transgender women) and avoidance of expert status to minimize social distance between conversational participants.Women's linguistic features as proposed by Lakoff (1975) represent the lack of confidence. In their utterances, linguistic features used by Cailyn Jenner and Laverne Cox also represent their lack of confidence. Since they reduce her assertion about their experience as Trans person.