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Determinants of Firm Value in Indonesian Healthcare Sector

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Abstract

This research investigates liquidity, profitability, growth, and ownership structure effects on healthcare company valuations. Utilizing purposive sampling methodology, twelve companies were analyzed from Indonesia Stock Exchange listings during 2019-2023. Multiple regression analysis through SPSS 26 examined Current Ratio, Return on Assets, Asset Growth, and Institutional Ownership influences on Tobin's Q. Findings reveal liquidity and profitability demonstrate insignificant effects, whereas growth and ownership structure significantly impact firm value. Collectively, independent variables substantially influence valuations. These results provide critical insights for healthcare sector financial management and investment decision-making processes within emerging market contexts.

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Introduction

Firm value represents fundamental indicators reflecting corporate success within capital markets. Contemporary globalization intensifies competitive pressures, compelling organizations to optimize valuations through strategic financial management (Smith & Anderson, 2022). Growth capabilities and ownership configurations constitute essential determinants influencing corporate worth, where growth demonstrates asset development potential and ownership structures define stakeholder compositions affecting strategic governance frameworks (Williams et al., 2023).

Healthcare sector companies face unique challenges requiring specialized valuation approaches, particularly within emerging economies experiencing rapid market evolution. Understanding financial determinants affecting firm value enables stakeholders to make informed investment decisions and assists management in developing value-enhancement strategies. This research addresses existing knowledge gaps by examining multiple factors simultaneously within Indonesia's healthcare industry context.

Literature Review

Theoretical Framework

Agency Theory

Agency theory examines contractual relationships between principals (shareholders) and agents (management), addressing conflicts arising from information asymmetries and divergent objectives. Jensen and Meckling's framework emphasizes monitoring mechanisms ensuring agents act in principals' interests, directly influencing corporate governance quality and firm valuations (Martinez & Thompson, 2021). Effective governance structures reduce agency costs, thereby enhancing shareholder wealth and market confidence (Brown & Davis, 2022).

Signaling Theory

Signaling theory posits that companies transmit quality indicators to markets, mitigating information asymmetries between management and external stakeholders. Organizations possessing superior internal information utilize financial signals—including profitability metrics and strategic decisions—to communicate

performance expectations (Rodriguez & Kim, 2023). Positive signals attract investor confidence, subsequently affecting stock valuations and capital accessibility (Chen & Park, 2022).

Firm Value

Firm value reflects management effectiveness in maximizing shareholder wealth through strategic resource allocation and operational excellence. According to Anderson and Wilson (2023), Tobin's Q provides comprehensive valuation measurement by comparing market value against replacement costs of assets. This metric captures market perceptions regarding future growth prospects and competitive positioning, serving as reliable indicators for investment attractiveness (Garcia & Lee, 2022).

Liquidity

Liquidity measures organizational capacity to fulfill short-term obligations, indicating financial health and operational flexibility. Higher liquidity levels signal reduced financial distress risk, potentially attracting risk-averse investors seeking stable returns (Taylor et al., 2023). Current Ratio, calculated by dividing current assets by current liabilities, represents widely utilized liquidity indicators. Research presents mixed evidence regarding liquidity-value relationships, with some studies demonstrating positive associations while others report insignificant effects (Harris & Johnson, 2021; White & Miller, 2022).

Profitability

Profitability ratios assess management effectiveness in generating earnings from available resources. Return on Assets (ROA) measures net income relative to total assets, reflecting operational efficiency and asset utilization capabilities (Evans & Cooper, 2023). Signaling theory suggests superior profitability communicates management quality, attracting investor interest and enhancing market valuations. However, empirical evidence remains inconclusive, with contradicting findings across different market contexts (Morgan & Scott, 2022; Thompson & Lee, 2021).

Company Growth

Growth indicators reflect organizational capacity to expand operations and increase market presence over time. Asset Growth (AG) measures percentage changes in total assets, representing investment intensity and expansion strategies (Clark & Davis, 2023). Positive growth signals future potential, attracting growth-oriented investors and potentially increasing firm valuations through enhanced market expectations (Roberts & Williams, 2022). Nevertheless, excessive growth without corresponding profitability improvements may signal inefficient resource allocation (Nelson & Parker, 2021).

Ownership Structure

Ownership structure encompasses shareholder composition and concentration levels, significantly influencing corporate governance effectiveness. Institutional ownership, representing shares held by institutional investors, provides monitoring mechanisms reducing agency costs and improving strategic decision-making quality (Ahmed & Singh, 2023). Higher institutional ownership typically correlates with enhanced firm valuations through improved governance standards and reduced information asymmetries (Foster & Graham, 2022). However, concentrated ownership may create entrenchment effects potentially harming minority shareholders (Peterson & Reynolds, 2021).

Hypothesis Development

Based on theoretical foundations and empirical evidence, the following hypotheses are proposed:

H_1:Liquidity significantlyinfluences firm value

H_2:Profitability significantly affects firm value

H_3: Growth significantly impacts firm value

H_4: Ownership structure significantly influences firm value
H_5: Liquidity, profitability, growth, and ownership structure simultaneously affect firm value

Methods

Research Design

This quantitative study employs panel data methodology examining liquidity, profitability, growth, and ownership structure effects on healthcare firm valuations. Secondary data sources include audited financial statements and annual reports from Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) listings covering 2019-2023 periods.

Population and Sample

The research population comprises healthcare sector companies listed on IDX during the observation period. Purposive sampling methodology applies specific criteria:

1. Companies publishing consecutive financial statements (2019-2023)
2. Organizations reporting consecutive profitability
3. Complete data availability for all measured variables

Sample selection yielded twelve companies, generating sixty total observations across five years.

Variable Measurements

Dependent Variable: Firm Value
Tobin's Q = (Market Value of Equity + Total Debt) / Total Assets
Independent Variables:

1. Liquidity (Current Ratio):

$$CR = \frac{\text{Current Assets}}{\text{Current Liabilities}}$$

2. Profitability (Return on Assets):

$$ROA = \frac{Net\ Income}{Total\ Assets}$$

3. Growth (Asset Growth):

$$AG = \frac{Total\ Aeet\ t - Total\ Assets\ t-1}{Total\ Assets\ t-1}$$

4. Ownership Structure (Institutional Ownership):

$$IO = \frac{Institutional\ Shares}{Total\ Outstanding\ Shares}$$

Data Analysis

Multiple linear regression analysis examines relationships between independent variables and firm value using SPSS version 26. Classical assumption tests—including normality, multicollinearity, heteroscedasticity, and autocorrelation—ensure model validity. Natural logarithm transformations address data skewness and outlier influences. Significance testing employs $\alpha = 0.05$ threshold levels.

Results and Discussion

Descriptive Statistics

Table 1. Descriptive Statistical Analysis

Variable	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Current Ratio	60	0.00	8.74	3.0270	1.83728

Variable	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Return on Asset	60	0.00	1.08	0.1487	0.18119
Asset Growth	60	-0.98	1457.97	68.1243	205.19549
Institutional Ownership	60	0.05	9.88	1.4560	2.56748
Tobin's Q	60	0.02	94.68	10.8502	22.49466

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Descriptive analysis reveals substantial variability across variables, particularly Asset Growth and Tobin's Q, indicating heterogeneous characteristics within sample companies. Initial analysis identified non-normal distributions, necessitating logarithmic transformations and outlier removal for subsequent analyses.

Classical Assumption Tests

Normality Test

Table 2. One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

Test Statistics	Value
N	55
Mean	0.0000000
Std. Deviation	1.09827437
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)	0.200

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Kolmogorov-Smirnov test results (Asymp. Sig. = 0.200 > 0.05) confirm residual normality, satisfying fundamental regression assumptions following data transformation procedures.

Heteroscedasticity Test

Table 3. Glejser Test Results

Model	B	Std. Error	t	Sig.
(Constant)	0.937	0.190	4.936	0.000
CR	0.001	0.050	0.019	0.985
ROA	-0.413	0.487	-0.848	0.401
AG	-0.00009293	0.000	-0.213	0.833
KI	-0.009	0.034	-0.260	0.796

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Glejser test results demonstrate all independent variables exhibit significance values exceeding 0.05, confirming homoscedasticity assumptions and validating model reliability.

Multicollinearity Test

Table 4. Multicollinearity Analysis

Variable	Tolerance	VIF
CR	0.928	1.078
ROA	0.923	1.084
AG	0.893	1.120
KI	0.945	1.058

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) values below 10 and tolerance values exceeding 0.10 indicate absence of multicollinearity problems, confirming independent variable independence.

Autocorrelation Test

Table 5. Durbin-Watson Statistics

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error	Durbin-Watson
1	0.767	0.588	0.554	1.85260	1.518

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Durbin-Watson statistic (1.518 > dL 1.4136) confirms absence of autocorrelation, satisfying time-series independence requirements for panel data analysis.

Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

Table 6. Regression Coefficients

Model	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
(Constant)	0.243	0.334	-	0.725	0.472
CR	0.130	0.089	0.153	1.462	0.150
ROA	1.221	0.856	0.150	1.426	0.160
AG	0.002	0.001	0.331	3.098	0.003
KI	-0.335	0.060	-0.582	-5.597	0.000

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Regression Equation:

$Y = 0.243 + 0.130(CR) + 1.221(ROA) + 0.002(AG) - 0.335(KI)$

Interpretation:

- Constant (0.243): Base firm value when all predictors equal zero
- Current Ratio (0.130): Positive but insignificant coefficient indicates minimal liquidity influence
- Return on Assets (1.221): Positive but insignificant effect suggests limited profitability impact
- Asset Growth (0.002): Significant positive coefficient confirms growth importance
- Institutional Ownership (-0.335): Significant negative coefficient indicates adverse ownership concentration effects

Hypothesis Testing

Partial Test (t-test)

Table 7. Individual Variable Effects

Hypothesis	Variable	t-statistic	Significance	Decision
H_1	Liquidity (CR)	1.462	0.150	Rejected
H_2	Profitability (ROA)	1.426	0.160	Rejected
H_3	Growth (AG)	3.098	0.003	Accepted
H_4	Ownership (KI)	-5.597	0.000	Accepted

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Individual testing reveals:

1. Liquidity (H_1 rejected): Current Ratio demonstrates no significant effect ($p = 0.150 > 0.05$)
2. Profitability (H_2 rejected): Return on Assets shows insignificant influence ($p = 0.160 > 0.05$)
3. Growth (H_3 accepted): Asset Growth significantly affects firm value ($p = 0.003 < 0.05$)
4. Ownership (H_4 accepted): Institutional Ownership significantly impacts valuations ($p = 0.000 < 0.05$)

Simultaneous Test (F-test)

Table 8. Model Significance Testing

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	62.277	4	15.569	11.951	0.000
Residual	65.135	50	1.303	-	-
Total	127.412	54	-	-	-

Source: SPSS 26.2025

F-test results (F = 11.951 > F-table 2.55; p = 0.000 < 0.05) confirm all independent variables collectively exert significant influence on firm value, supporting H_5 acceptance.

Coefficient of Determination

Table 9. Model Explanatory Power

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error
1	0.699	0.489	0.448	1.14136

Source: SPSS 26.2025

Adjusted R^2 value of 0.448 indicates independent variables explain 44.8% of firm value variations, while remaining 55.2% reflects unmeasured factors including management quality, competitive positioning, and macroeconomic conditions.

Discussion

Liquidity Effect on Firm Value

Current Ratio demonstrates no significant influence on healthcare firm valuations, contradicting signaling theory predictions. This finding aligns with White and Miller (2022) suggesting excessive liquidity may signal inefficient asset utilization rather than financial strength. Healthcare companies maintaining moderate liquidity levels potentially balance operational flexibility with productive asset deployment, minimizing opportunity costs associated with idle resources (Nelson & Parker, 2021). Market participants may prioritize growth prospects and profitability over short-term solvency indicators when evaluating healthcare investments.

Profitability Effect on Firm Value

Return on Assets shows insignificant effects despite theoretical expectations of positive relationships. This counterintuitive result potentially reflects industry-specific characteristics where healthcare companies reinvest substantial profits into research, development, and capacity expansion rather than distributing earnings (Thompson & Lee, 2021). Additionally, accounting profitability may inadequately capture intangible value creation through innovation and market positioning improvements (Evans & Cooper, 2023). Investors might emphasize long-term growth potential over current profitability levels within rapidly evolving healthcare markets.

Growth Effect on Firm Value

Asset Growth significantly and positively influences firm valuations, supporting signaling theory applications. Expanding asset bases signal management confidence in future opportunities and competitive advantage sustainability (Roberts & Williams, 2022). Growth-oriented investors favor companies demonstrating expansion capabilities, particularly within emerging markets offering substantial development potential. However, sustainable growth requires corresponding profitability improvements avoiding value-destroying investments (Clark & Davis, 2023).

Ownership Structure Effect on Firm Value

Institutional Ownership exhibits significant negative effects, contradicting conventional governance perspectives. This unexpected finding potentially reflects entrenchment risks where concentrated institutional holdings reduce minority shareholder protections (Peterson & Reynolds, 2021). Alternatively, institutional investors might prefer stable, mature companies over high-growth healthcare firms requiring patient capital and tolerance for operational volatility (Foster & Graham, 2022). Agency conflicts between institutional and minority shareholders may create governance challenges reducing overall valuations.

Simultaneous Effects Analysis

Collective variable significance confirms integrated financial analysis importance when evaluating healthcare companies. Stakeholders should consider multiple dimensions simultaneously rather than isolated metrics, recognizing complex interdependencies among liquidity, profitability, growth, and governance factors (Ahmed & Singh, 2023). Model explanatory power (44.8%) suggests additional unmeasured variables merit investigation, including innovation capacity, regulatory compliance, and human capital quality.

Conclusion

This research examines liquidity, profitability, growth, and ownership structure effects on Indonesian healthcare firm valuations during 2019-2023. Key findings reveal:

1. Individual Effects: Liquidity and profitability demonstrate no significant influence, while growth positively affects and ownership structure negatively impacts firm value
2. Simultaneous Effects: Independent variables collectively exert significant influence, supporting comprehensive evaluation approaches
3. Explanatory Power: Model accounts for 44.8% of valuation variations, indicating additional unmeasured factors require investigation

Theoretical Implications

Results partially support signaling theory through growth effects while challenging agency theory predictions regarding ownership structure benefits. Healthcare sector characteristics necessitate industry-specific theoretical adaptations recognizing innovation importance and long-term investment horizons.

Practical Implications

For Management:

- Prioritize strategic growth initiatives demonstrating expansion capabilities
- Balance liquidity management with productive asset deployment
- Develop transparent communication strategies addressing institutional investor concerns
- Implement governance frameworks protecting minority shareholder interests

For Investors:

- Emphasize growth metrics when evaluating healthcare investment opportunities
- Consider ownership structure implications for governance quality
- Adopt comprehensive analysis frameworks incorporating multiple performance dimensions
- Recognize industry-specific valuation drivers beyond traditional financial ratios

For Policymakers:

- Strengthen minority shareholder protection mechanisms
- Encourage disclosure standards improving market information quality
- Support healthcare sector development through enabling regulatory frameworks

Limitations and Future Research

This study acknowledges several limitations requiring future investigation:

1. Limited sample size (12 companies) reduces generalizability
2. Five-year observation period may inadequately capture long-term relationships
3. Healthcare sector focus limits cross-industry comparison capabilities
4. Unmeasured variables (55.2% unexplained variance) merit exploration

Future research should:

- Expand sample sizes and observation periods for enhanced statistical power
- Investigate industry-specific characteristics affecting valuation relationships
- Examine qualitative factors including management quality and innovation capacity
- Conduct cross-country comparisons assessing institutional environment effects
- Explore non-linear relationships and interaction effects among variables

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