ABSTRACT

This study is motivated by the persistence of audit delay among companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX). Audit delay may reduce the timeliness of financial reporting, thereby affecting stakeholders' decision-making. This study aims to analyze and provide empirical evidence on the effect of company size, profitability, audit opinion, and Public Accounting Firm (PAF) reputation on audit delay in pharmaceutical sub-sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange during the 2018-2025 period.

The population of this study consists of all pharmaceutical subsector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange during the 2018-2025 period. The sample was determined using a purposive sampling method, resulting in 64 observations. The data used are secondary data consisting of financial statements, independent auditor reports, and annual reports obtained from the official website of the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) and the respective companies' official websites. The independent variables in this study consist of firm size, proxied by Size; profitability, proxied by Return on Assets (ROA); audit opinion, measured based on the type of audit opinion; and Public Accounting Firm (KAP) reputation, measured based on the classification of Big Four and non-Big Four. The dependent variable is audit report lag, measured by the number of days between the fiscal year-end date and the date of the independent auditor's report. Data analysis was conducted using panel data regression analysis with EViews 12.

The results show that firm size has a positive and significant effect on audit report lag, while profitability and audit opinion have negative and significant effects on audit report lag. Meanwhile, Public Accounting Firm (KAP) reputation has no significant effect on audit report lag. Overall, the findings indicate that audit report lag in pharmaceutical subsector companies during the 2018-2025 period is influenced by firm size, profitability, and audit opinion, whereas Public Accounting Firm (KAP) reputation does not have a significant effect on audit report lag.

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