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# THE IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONAL OWNERSHIP, RETURN ON ASSETS, CURRENT RATIO ON TAX AVOIDANCE MODERATED BY FIRM SIZE ON COMPANIES ON THE IDX

# DAMPAK KEPEMILIKAN INSTITUSIONAL, RETURN ON ASSETS, CURRENT RATIO TERHADAP TAX AVOIDANCE YANG DIMODERASI UKURAN PERUSAHAAN PADA PERUSAHAAN DI BEI

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Taxes are mandatory contributions to the state that are owed by individuals or entities that are coercive based on the law, by not getting direct rewards and used for state purposes, especially for the prosperity of the people. This study aims to determine the impact of KI, ROA, CR on tax avoidance and to find out whether the size of the company is able to moderate the influence of KI, ROA, CR on tax avoidance. This research period was carried out during 2017 – 2023. The sampling technique used in this study is purposive sampling. The data analysis technique that will be used is to use simple regression analysis, and Residual Test to moderate variables. The results of the F test gave results that KI, ROA, CR had a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance. The results of the t-test showed that KI had a positive and insignificant effect on avoidance. Meanwhile, ROA and CR have a positive and significant effect on avoidance. The results of the residual test show that the size of the company is not able to moderate the influence of KI, ROA, CR on tax avoidance.

Keywords: ROA; CR; Firm Size; Tax Avoidance.

#### **ABSTRAK**

Pajak adalah kontribusi wajib kepada negara yang terutang oleh orang pribadi atau badan yang bersifat memaksa berdasarkan undang-undang, dengan tidak mendapatkan imbalan secara langsung dan digunakan untuk keperluan negara khususnya bagi kemakmuran rakyat. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui dampak KI, ROA, CR terhadap penghindaran pajak dan mengetahui apakah ukuran perusahaan mampu memoderasi pengaruh KI, ROA, CR terhadap penghindaran pajak. Periode penelitian ini dilakukan selama 2017-2023. Teknik pengambilan sampel yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah purposive sampling. Teknik analisis data yang akan digunakan adalah dengan menggunakan analisis regresi sederhana, dan Uji Residual untuk memoderasi variabel. Hasil uji F memberikan hasil bahwa KI, ROA, CR berpengaruh positif dan signifikan terhadap penghindaran pajak. Hasil uji t menunjukkan bahwa KI berpengaruh positif dan tidak signifikan terhadap penghindaran. Sedangkan ROA dan CR berpengaruh positif dan signifikan terhadap penghindaran. Hasil uji residual menunjukkan ukuran perusahaan tidak mampu memoderasi pengaruh KI, ROA, CR terhadap penghindaran pajak.

### Kata Kunci: KI; ROA; CR; Firm Size; Tax Avoidance.

### **INTRODUCTION**

In a country, taxes are one of the revenues that have a huge contribution to the development of the country. In the implementation of development, taxes can be used as a source of state revenue to finance all expenditures for the realization of people's prosperity. Therefore, high professionalism is needed in the processing of tax funds. Taxes are the most potential source of

state revenue and contribute the highest proportion of the State Revenue and Expenditure Budget (APBN) compared to other sources of revenue (Lubara, Damayanti, & Dewi, 2022). The realization of the 2020 State Revenue and Expenditure Budget (APBN), the government noted that until the end of 2020, the realization of tax revenue was recorded at only Rp 1,069.98 trillion. This figure is not in accordance with the

target set in Presidential Regulation Number 72 of 2020. Directorate General of Taxes (DJP) of the Ministry of Finance of Rp 1,198.82 trillion. Tax revenues decreased from the previous year's period due to the slowdown in the Indonesian economy and international trade transactions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On the other hand, the receipt of several types of taxes such as Income Tax Article 21, Income Tax Article 22 Import, Income Tax Article 25/29 and Domestic VAT are quite affected by the effects of providing tax facilities in the context of national economic recovery (Widyastuti, 2021)). This means that tax revenues in that year have not reached the target in accordance with the government's expectations. In addition, the tax justice network noted that tax revenues that cannot be collected due to tax evasion in Indonesia are estimated to reach US\$ 4.86 billion per year, which is equivalent to Rp69.1 trillion. This means that globally the practice of tax avoidance has a greater impact on lowincome or developing countries. The value of taxes lost due to tax avoidance practices by corporations reached US\$4.78 billion (Wildan, 2020).

Tax avoidance is a tax planning activity designed for explicit reduction. In the implementation of tax avoidance, taxpayers take advantage of loopholes in tax regulations regulated in the tax law to avoid tax obligations that can burden the taxpayer so that the amount of tax payable is lower and increases profits for shareholders. In other words, tax avoidance optimizes taxpayers' profits without committing fraud in the field of taxation. Although tax avoidance is legal in the eyes of the law, it is still detrimental to the state. because it causes a decrease in state revenue from the tax sector (Pratama, Narsa, & Prananjaya, 2022). Tax evasion is the avoidance of the law to declare and pay taxes to the state budget. Tax evasion consists of escaping taxes by legal means using legislative loopholes for the benefit of taxpayers (so-called 'loopholes'), and is therefore only possible when the law is incomplete or has inaccuracies (Mocanu et al., 2021). Tax avoidance is essential because it limits the state's ability to raise money and implement policies when taxpayers find ways to reduce their taxable base (Halioui, Neifar, & Abdelaziz, 2016).

Tax avoidance measures are still widely carried out by companies in Southeast Asian countries, including Indonesia. Such as information sourced from electronic media that the tax justice tobacco network reported that companies owned by British American Tobacco (BAT) had carried out tax evasion in Indonesia through PT Bentoel Internasional Investama. As a result, the country can suffer losses of US\$ 14 million per year. The results of the report explain that BAT has diverted some of its revenue out of Indonesia in two ways. through intra-company loans between 2013 and 2015. In this case BAT makes loans originating from Jersey through comanies in the Netherlands mainly to avoid deductions for interest payments to nonresidents. Indonesia implemented the tax cut of 20%, but because there was an agreement with the Netherlands, the tax became 0%. Meanwhile, the original loan is indirect from the company in Jersey because Indonesia and the UK do not have a similar agreement. Indonesia and the UK have an agreement with a tax rate on interest of 10%. From this strategy, Indonesia loses revenue for the state of US\$ 11 million per year. The reason is that from the debt of US\$ 164 million. Indonesia should be able to impose a tax of 20% or US\$ 33 million or US\$ 11 million per year. Second, through payment back to the UK for

royalties, fees and services. In recent years, it has significantly worsened Bentoel's losses in Indonesia. The combined cost of these payments is equivalent to 80% of the company's pretax losses in 2016. Thus the average corporate tax on payments each year with an interest rate of 25% is US\$ 2.5 million for royalties, US\$ 1.3 million for fees, and US\$ 1.1 million for IT fees. With the Indonesia-UK agreement, the tax deduction for royalties on trademarks is 15% from US\$ 10.1 million or US\$ 1.5 million. Meanwhile, technical service fees are not subject to deductions. IT fees are not mentioned in the agreement, but because they are similar to royalties, the report assumes a tax deduction for IT fees of \$0.7 million. So that the revenue lost from Indonesia reaches US\$ 2.7 million per year due to the payment of royalties, fees and IT costs of BAT to its companies in the UK (Prima & Dewi, 2019).

Tax evasion cases also occur in US giant technology companies such as Google, Facebook, and Microsoft that carry out tax avoidance practices in developed and developing countries, one of which is Indonesia. Reported by The Guardian, Monday (26/10/2020),research conducted by ActionAid International shows that these companies take advantage of loopholes in the global tax system to avoid taxes. The value reaches USD2.8 billion or the equivalent of IDR 41 trillion per year (Nurhaliza, 2020). This study has the novelty of the (Muhammad, research Efni, Rahmayanti, 2022), (Azwar, Susanti, & Supitriyani, 2023) and (Rahmawaty & Astuti, 2023) which can be seen in the moderation variables and research objects and research years.

(Hasan, Kim, Teng, & Wu, 2022), we find that foreign institutional investors (FIIs) reduce their investee firms' tax avoidance. We provide

evidence that the effect is driven by the institutional distance between FIIs' home countries/regions and host countries/regions. Specifically, we find that the effect is driven by the influence of FIIs from countries/regions with highquality institutions (i.e., common law, high government effectiveness, and high regulatory quality) on investee firms located in countries/regions with lowquality institutions. Finally, we find that FIIs are more likely to vote against management if the firm has a higher level of tax avoidance. Based on cases that have occurred in companies in Indonesia and abroad, the researcher is interested in conducting follow-up research from previous research to find out the causes of tax evasion in companies.

# METHOD

### **Research Design**

This research is a quantitative research with a type of causality research, which is research that aims to determine the influence between two or more variables. The scope of this study is limited to tax avoidance. The type of relationship in this study is a causal relationship because it aims to find a causal relationship (influence), namely the independent / independent variable (X) to the dependent / bound variable (Y).

#### Time and Location of Research

The research period used is 5 years, from 2017 to 2023. This study uses up to date data so that it is expected to be able to describe current conditions that are more relevant to the research year. The implementation of this research was carried out on LQ45 Company on the Indonesia Stock Exchange.

## Variable Operational Definition

The denpendent variable (Y) in this study is tax avoidance:

 $Cash \ Effective \ Tax \ Rate = \frac{Tax \ Payment}{Profit \ Before \ Tax}$ 

# Independent Variable (X) Institutional Ownership (IP) by proxy:

Institutional Ownership (IP)  $= \frac{\text{Number of institutional shares}}{\text{Number of shares outstanding}} \times 100\%$ 

ROA by proxy:

Return On Asset =  $\frac{\text{Profit After Tax}}{\text{Total Assets}}$ 

CR by proxy:

 $CR = \frac{Current Assets}{Short - term debt}$ 

Firm Size is proxied by:

### **Population and Sample**

The population in this study is LQ 45 Index companies listed on the IDX as many as 67 companies, including: AALI, ACES, ADHI, ADRO, AKRA, ANTM, ASII, ASRI, BBCA, BBNI, BBRI, BBTN, BJBR, BKSL, BMRI, BMTR, BRPT, BSDE, BTPS, BUMI, CPIN, CTRA, ELSA, ERAA, EXCL, GGRM, HMSP, ICBP, INCO, INDF, INDY, INKP, INTP, ITMG, JPFA, JSMR, KLBF, LPKR, LPPF, LSIP, MDKA, MEDC, MIKA, MNCN, MYRX, PGAS, PPRO, PTBA, PTPP, PWON, SCMA, SMGR, SMRA, SRIL, SSMS, TBIG, TINS, TKIM, TLKM, TOWR, TPIA, TRAM, UNTR, UNVR, WIKA, WSBP, dan WSKT.

In this study, the sampling technique is purposive sampling with criteria that can be seen in table 1.

Table 1. List of Research Sample Criteria

Sample criteria	Number of
	Companies
Companies listed	67
on the Indonesia	
Stock Exchange	
and included in the	
LQ45 Index in the	
2017-2023 period	
Companies listed	(37)
on the Indonesia	
Stock Exchange	

and continuously	
listed on the LQ45	
Index during the	
period 2017-2023	
Companies	(7)
included in the	
Financial and	
Financial Sub-	
Sector	
Companies that	(1)
attach incomplete	
tax payment data	
for research during	
the 2017-2023	
period	
Companies that	(5)
incurred losses	,
during the	
research period	
Total	17

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

Based on table 1, the research sample is 17 companies with details can be seen in table 2.

**Table 2. Research Sample** 

	rabie 2. Kesearch Sample			
No	Issuer	Company Name		
	Code			
1	ADRO	PT Adro Energy		
		Indonesia, Tbk		
2	AKRA	PT AKR		
		Corporindo, Tbk		
3	ANTM	PT Aneka		
		Tambang,Tbk		
4	ASII	PT Astra		
		International, Tbk		
5	<b>BSDE</b>	PT Bumi Serpong		
		Damai,Tbk		
6	<b>GGRM</b>	PT Gudang		
		Garam,Tbk		
7	HMSP	PT Hanjaya		
		Mandala		
		Sampoerna, Tbk		
8	<b>ICBP</b>	PT Indofood CBP		
		Sukser Makmur, Tbk		
9	INDF	PT Indofood Sukses		
		Makmur,Tbk		

10	INTP	PT Indocement	
		Tunggal	
		Perkasa,Tbk	
11	KLBF	PT Kalbe	
		Farma, Tbk	
12	PTBA	PT Tambang	
		Batubara Bukit	
		Asam,Tbk	
13	PTPP	PT Pembangunan	
		Perumahan	
		(Persero),Tbk	
14	SMGR	PT Semen Indonesia	
		(Persero),Tbk	
15	TLKM	PT Telekomunikasi	
		Indonesia, Tbk	
16	UNTR	PT United	
		Tractors, Tbk	
17	UNVR	PT Unilever	
		Indonesia, Tbk	
Source: (Date processed 2024)			

Source: (Data processed, 2024)
Data Types and Data Sources
The type of data used is secondary data sourced from the IDX website with details can be seen in Table 3

Table 3. Types of Research Data and Data Sources

Variable	Data	Data	
v arrabic			
	analyzed	sources	
KI	Number of	Indonesia	
	institutional	Stock	
	shares and	Exchange	
	number of	and	
	outstanding	Financial	
	shares for	Statements	
	the period		
	2017-2023		
ROA	Net Profit	Indonesia	
	After Tax	Stock	
	and Total	Exchange	
	Assets for	and	
	the 2017-	Financial	
	2023	Statements	
	Period		
CR	Current	Indonesia	
	Assets and	Stock	
	short-term	Exchange	
	debt for the	and	

	period	Financial
	2017-2023	Statements
Firm Size	Total assets	Indonesia
	for the	Stock
	period	Exchange
	2017-2023	and
		Financial
		Statements
Tax	Payment of	Indonesia
Avoidance	tax and	Stock
	profit	Exchange
	before tax	and
	for the	Financial
	period	Statements
	2017-2023	

Source : (Data processed, 2024) Data Analysis Techniques

- 1. Classical Assumption Test, conducted to assess whether in the Ordinary Least Square (OLS) linear regression model there are classical assumption problems. The tests used are normality, multicollinearity, autocorrelation and heteroscedasticity tests.
- 2. Test the correlation coefficient (r) and determination (Adjusted R Square), used to measure how much ability all independent variables have in explaining their dependent variables (Ghozali, 2016).
- 3. First hypothesis testing
  - 1) Simultaneous significance test (F test), performed to show whether independent variables simultaneously or together affect dependent variable the significantly. By using an alpha of 5%, the test criterion is if Sig.  $< \alpha$ , then reject H<sub>0</sub>. That is. simultaneously KI, ROA, CR and firm size have a significant effect on tax avoidance.
  - 2) An individual significance test (T test), performed to show whether the independent variable partially or individually affects the dependent variable significantly.

By using an alpha of 5% or 0.05, the test criteria is if Sig.  $< \alpha$ , then reject H<sub>0</sub>. This means that KI, ROA, CR and firm size have a significant effect on tax avoidance.

4. Testing the Second Hypothesis In this study, testing the second hypothesis used a residual test. The residual test is performed by progressing the dependent variable to the residual absolute value of the regression of the independent against the variable variable hypothesized as a moderation variable. If the regression results are significant and the regression coefficient is negative, it can be that the concluded variable hypothesized as a moderation variable is actually capable of moderating the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable. With the residual model, the regression equation can be formulated as follows:

M = a + b1X1 + b2X2 + e.....(Suliyanto, 2011) |e| = a + b1 Y

The criteria in the residual test include:

- 1) If the significance of  $\leq 0.05$ , then  $H_0$  is rejected, meaning that firm size is able to moderate the effect of KI, ROA, and CR on tax avoidance.
- 2) If the significance > 0.05, then H<sub>0</sub> is accepted, meaning that firm size is unable to moderate the effect of KI, ROA, and CR on tax avoidance.

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

- 1. Test Classical Assumptions Before Transformation
- 1) Normality Test

**Table 4.Normality Test Results** 

One-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test			
	-	Unstandardized	
N		119	
Normal Parameters <sup>a,b</sup>	Mean	,0000000	

	Std.	1,17656596
Most Extreme Differences	Abso	,259
	Positi	,259
	Nega	-,253
Test Statistic		,259
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)		,000°

Source: (Data processed, 2024) From table 4 it can be explained that the value of Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed) is 0.00 < 0.05 which means the data is abnormal.

2) Multicollinearity Test

**Table 5. Multicollinearity Test** 

	Coefficients <sup>a</sup>					
Correlations			Collinea Statisti	-		
Mo	odel	Zero- order	Partial	Tolerance	VIF	
1	(Constant					
	KI	-,179	-,023	-,022	,697	1,435
	ROA	-,265	-,215	-,209	,708	1,413
	CR	-,161	-,158	-,152	,981	1,019

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

From table 5, the TOL value of each variable for KI is 0.697, ROA is 0.708, and CR is 0.981. Meanwhile, the VIF value for KI is 1.435, ROA is 1.413, and CR is 1.019. From the TOL and VIP values, it means that the regression results do not occur multicollinearity.

## 3) Heteroscedasticity Test

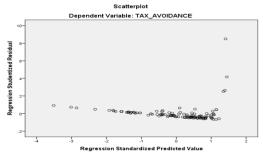


Figure 1. Heteroscedasticity Test

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

The results shown in Figure 1 show that the dots form a pattern so that it can be concluded that it is a symptom of heteroscedasticity.

4) Autocorrelation Test

**Table 6. Autocorrelation Test Results** 

R	R	Adjusted R	Std. Error of	Durbin-
	Square	Square	the Estimate	Watson

,309° ,095 1,19181 2,143

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

If viewed from table 6, the results of the DW test can be explained as the value of du < d < 4-du or 1,7101 < 2,143 < 2,2899 which means that the regression equation model has no positive or negative autocorrelation with the rejection decision.

# 2. Test Classical Assumptions After Transformation

# 1) Normality Test

# **Table 7. Normality Test Results**

One-Sample Kol	mogorov-S	mirnov Test
		Unstandardiz
N		119
Normal Parameters <sup>a,b</sup>	Mean	,0000000
	Std.	,63756793
Most Extreme	,053	,053
Differences	,053	,053
	-,037	-,037
Test Statistic		,053
Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)		,200

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

From table 7 it is explained that the value of Asymp. Sig. (2 tailed) is at 0.200 > 0,05 so that the data is normally distributed.

### 2) Multicollinearity Test

Table 8. Multicollinearity Test

Model Collinearity Statistics			
Model		Confinearity S	otatistics
	Tolerance	VIF	
	(Constant)		
	Ln_KI	,852	1,174
1	Ln_ROA	,854	1,170
	Ln_CR	,996	1,004

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

From table 8, it can be seen that the TOL value for each variable is above 0.1, namely KI of 0.852, ROA of 0.854, and CR of 0.996. Meanwhile, the VIF value for KI is 1.174, ROA is 1.170, and CR is 1.004 which means that the overall value of the variable is below 10. So the conclusion is that there is no multicollinearity.

## 3) Heteroscedasticity Test

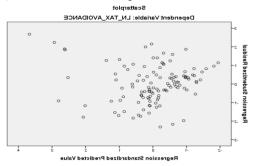


Figure 2. Heteroscedasticity Test

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

From Figure 2, it can be seen that the pattern spreads randomly so that the regression model can be concluded that there are no heteroscedasticity symptoms.

4) Autocorrelation Test

**Table 9. Autocorrelation Test Results** 

			Adjusted	Std. Error of	Durbin-
Model	R	R Square	R Square	the Estimate	Watson
1	.624	.389	.374	.64583	1,703

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

The results of table 9 provide an explanation that dl < d < du or 0.8968 < 1.703 < 1.7101 which means that the regression model has no positive autocorrelation which means no conclusion.

Analysis of Correlation Coefficient

 (r) and Correlation of Determination
 (R)

Table 10. Results of Correlation Coefficient and Coefficient of Determination Analysis

				J
			Adjusted R	Std. Error of the
Model	R	R Square	Square	Estimate
1	624	a 389	37,	4 64583

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

Table 10 provides an explanation that the value of the correlation coefficient (R) is 0.624 which means that there is a strong relationship between KI, ROA and CR with tax avoidance. The value of the determination coefficient (R Square) of 0.389 means that the high and low tax avoidance can be explained by KI, ROA and CR of 38.9% and the remaining 61.1% is influenced by other variables that are not studied.

## 4. Test the First Hypothesis

### 1) F Test

**Table 11. F Test Results** 

		A	NOVA	<b>\^</b> a		
`11	Model	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Regression	30,597	3	10,199	24,452	,000b
1	Residual	47,966	115	,417		
	Total	78,563	118			
a.	Dependent V	ariable: Ln_7	Γax_A	oidance		
b	Predictors: (0	Constant), Ln	_CR, I	n_ROA, Ln	KI	

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

Based on table 11, it is known that the  $F_{calculate}$  value is 24.452 while  $F_{table}$  with df = (119-3-1=115) is 2.68. It can be concluded that  $F_{calculate} < F_{table}$  or 24,452 > 2.68 or a significance level of 0.000 < 0.05 then  $H_0$  is accepted, meaning that KI, ROA, and CR have a positive and significant impact on tax avoidance.

2) T Test

Table 12. Test Results t

	Table 12. Test Results t								
			Coefficie	ents <sup>a</sup>					
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.			
		В	Std. Error	Beta					
	(Constant)	-2,191	,205		-10,697	,000			
1	Ln_KI	,061	,314	,015	,194	,847			
1	Ln_ROA	-,502	,066	-,599	-7,593	,000			
	Ln_CR	-,290	,118	-,180	-2,467	,015			

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

Based on table 12, for each t-test result can be described as follows:

- (1) The results of the t-test for the KI value have a positive and insignificant effect on tax avoidance which is shown with a significance above 0,05.
- (2) The results of the t-test for ROA value have a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance which is shown with a significance below 0,05.
- (3)The results of the t-test for the CR value have a positive and insignificant effect on tax avoidance

which is shown with a significance below 0,05.

## 5. Test the Second Hypothesis

Table 13. Regression Analysis with Moderating Variables with Residual

	Te	est		
Model	Unstand Coeffi	Standardized Coefficients		
_	В	Std. Error	Beta	
(Constant)	3,443	,008	1	
Ln_KI	-,046	,012	-,356	
Ln_ROA	,001	,003	,033	
Ln_CR	-,011	,004	-,216	

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

The model of the multiple linear regression equation can be seen in table 13.

$$M = 3,443 - 0.046X_1 + 0.001X_2 - 0,011X_3$$

This means that KI and CR have a negative effect on Ln\_total asset, while ROA has a positive effect on Ln\_total asset

Furthermore, Table 14 is presented, the results of the ABS\_Residual test

Table 14. Moderating Variable Analysis with ABS\_Residual test

		Coeffi	cientsa			
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardi zed Coefficie nts	t	Sig.
		В	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	,020	,002	2	10,27 0	,000
	Ln_Tax_Avoid	-,001	,001	-,076	-,828	,410

Source: (Data processed, 2024)

Based on Table 14, the linear regression equation model with moderating variables using ABS\_residual test is:

ABS RES = 
$$0.020 - 0.001$$
Y

This means that the value of the regression coefficient is 0.020 and the significance level is 0.001. Because the

regression coefficient is negative and insignificant, it can be concluded that Ln\_total asset is not a moderation variable because it is not able to strengthen or weaken the influence of KI, ROA, and CR on tax avoidance.

#### 6. Discussion

# 1) The Effect of Institutional ownership on Tax Avoidance

The regression results of the t-test from table 12 show that KI has a positive and insignificant effect on tax avoidance as shown by a significance value above 0.05. This means that institutional ownership must increase more optimal supervision to assess management performance, because stock ownership represents a source of power that can be used to support or vice versa management decisions. Thus. institutional ownership can help the principal to control the behavior of agents in the company, so that tax avoidance can be suppressed. (Chasbiandani, Triastuti, & Ambarwati, 2019), The institution will assign responsibility to a certain division to be able to manage company's the investments. The existence of this institution will monitor investment developments that lead to increased control over management actions, so that it can influence management in making decisions to carry out tax avoidance practices. Research that is in line with the research by (Putri, Asih, Nururrahma, & Rifkasari, 2022) The result is that IP has a positive influence on tax avoidance but with a significance level of 10%. This indicates that the size of share ownership by institutions will have an impact on tax avoidance practices, because there will be more votes and encouragement to management decisions, especially in terms of taxation. This research is different from (Tarmizi, Meliantari, & Wahdiawati, 2023) that institutional ownership has a significant positive effect on tax avoidance at a 95% confidence level. Research (Richardson, Wang, & Zhang, 2016) we also find a significantly positive association between pyramidal ownership structure tax avoidance due to entrenchment effect. When voting rights and cash-flow rights diverge, a lower level of cash-flow rights fails to offer the controlling owner incentive alignment sufficient to reduce the entrenchment effect and tax avoidance.

# 2) The Effect of Return On Assset on Tax Avoidance

The results of the t-test from table 12 show that ROA has a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance with a significance value of less than 0.05. This means that companies with high profitability conditions tend to avoid taxes. When ROA increases, it will be followed by an increase in revenue. Along with this, the tax burden will also increase so that the government will increase the amount of tax that will be imposed by the company. However, sometimes companies that have high profitability will consider that this will certainly be a conflict for the company because the government will set a high tax burden so that tax avoidance tactics will be carried out to reduce the tax burden with the aim of income obtained accordance with expectations. Research (Safiinatunnajah &

Setiyawati, 2022), Investors are looking for a high "net profit" or profit after tax. The agent (director or manager) will then work to optimize the net profit after tax. The high return on investment after tax (ROA) or profit after tax (PAT after tax) makes it less likely that the company will try to avoid paying fair taxes. Businesses often engage in tax avoidance when their after-tax profits are inadequate. The salary of the directors

will be affected if it is not done according to the preferences of shareholders. Research (Kusumawardhani & Mallisa, 2023) shows that ROA shows a negative significant influence on avoidance. Return on assets (ROA) utilization is used as a metric to assess a given company's profitability. If the level of profitability achieved by the company increases, the amount of tax paid by the company also increases. If the tax burden is high, companies can use tax avoidance measures to reduce their tax liability. shows that ROA shows a negative and significant influence on tax avoidance. Return on assets (ROA) utilization is used as a metric to assess a given company's profitability. If the level of profitability achieved by the company increases, the amount of tax paid by the company also increases. If the tax burden is high, companies can use tax avoidance measures to reduce their tax liability.

# 3) The Effect of Current Asset on Tax Avoidance

Table 12 shows that the results of the t-test show that CR has a significant positive effect on tax avoidance. This means that companies with high liquidity are considered able to manage their money optimally for tax payments so that tax avoidance tactics are not carried out by the company. Research similar to (Mkadmi & Ali, 2024), in terms of financial metrics, we see that businesses with higher levels of rentability, cash flow, and sales growth are more likely to engage in tax avoidance. But, businesses with high liquidity are less likely to abandon tax avoidance. This research is different from (Danardhito, Widjanarko, & Kristanto, 2023), the test results show that liquidity has no effect on tax avoidance. The ability of a company to fulfill its short-term obligations to current assets is not significant enough to affect corporate tax evasion actions

4) The Effect of Institutional ownership, Return On Asset, and Current Asset on Tax Avoidance

Table 11 shows that overall the independent variable has a positive and significant effect on the dependent variable. This means that with the strict supervision carried out by institutional ownership, the management performance is increasing, thereby helping the principal to control the agent's behavior in tax evasion. Likewise, the increase in profitability and CR shows that the company is assumed to be able to pay taxes by utilizing available assets and using profits optimally so that tactics to carry out tax avoidance are not carried out. So it can be concluded that with the increase in KI, ROA and CR, the company will carry out tax avoidance. This research is supported by research (Friantin & Putri, 2020) that Current Ratio (CR) and Return On Assets (ROA) have a significant positive effect on avoidance. The results show that the capital intensity variable has significant effect on tax avoidance and so does the research (Vemberain & Triyani, 2021) Variables of profitability, company size, leverage, and institutional ownership together (simultaneously) affect tax avoidance.

5) Firm Size Moderates the Effect of Institutional Ownership, Return On Asset, and Current Asset on Tax Avoidance

The results of the analysis presented in Table 14, the linear regression equation model with moderation variables using the ABS\_residual test are:

ABS RES = 0.020 - 0.001Y

The results of the regression coefficient value show that asset Ln\_total is not a moderating variable.

This is because Ln\_total assets are not able to moderate the influence of institutional ownership, return on assets, current ratio to tax avoidance. This means that with the size of a large or small company that has many assets, it does not necessarily give an idea that institutional ownership is able to supervise the performance of company to avoid taxes. This is because decisions related to asset management will be left to the company's manager. Likewise, the size of large and small companies is not an indicator for companies to avoid taxes when viewed from CR and ROA. This is because it depends on the level of income earned and the amount of capital to pay taxes.

#### **CONCLUSION**

From the results of this study, the author concludes that partially IP has a positive and insignificant influence on tax avoidance. This means that with the increase in strict supervision, it cannot be used as an indicator for companies to carry out tax evasion. ROA has a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance, which means that companies that earn increased income tend to avoid taxes because this is in line with the tax burden that will be determined by the government. Likewise, CR has a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance, which means that a liquid company shows that its asset management is carried out optimally for tax payments so that the company does not commit tax avoidance. Overall, KI, ROA and CR have a positive and significant effect on tax avoidance. This condition means that with the increase in more intensive supervision in carrying out operational activities, income will increase followed by an increase in capital so that the company does not avoid taxes.

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