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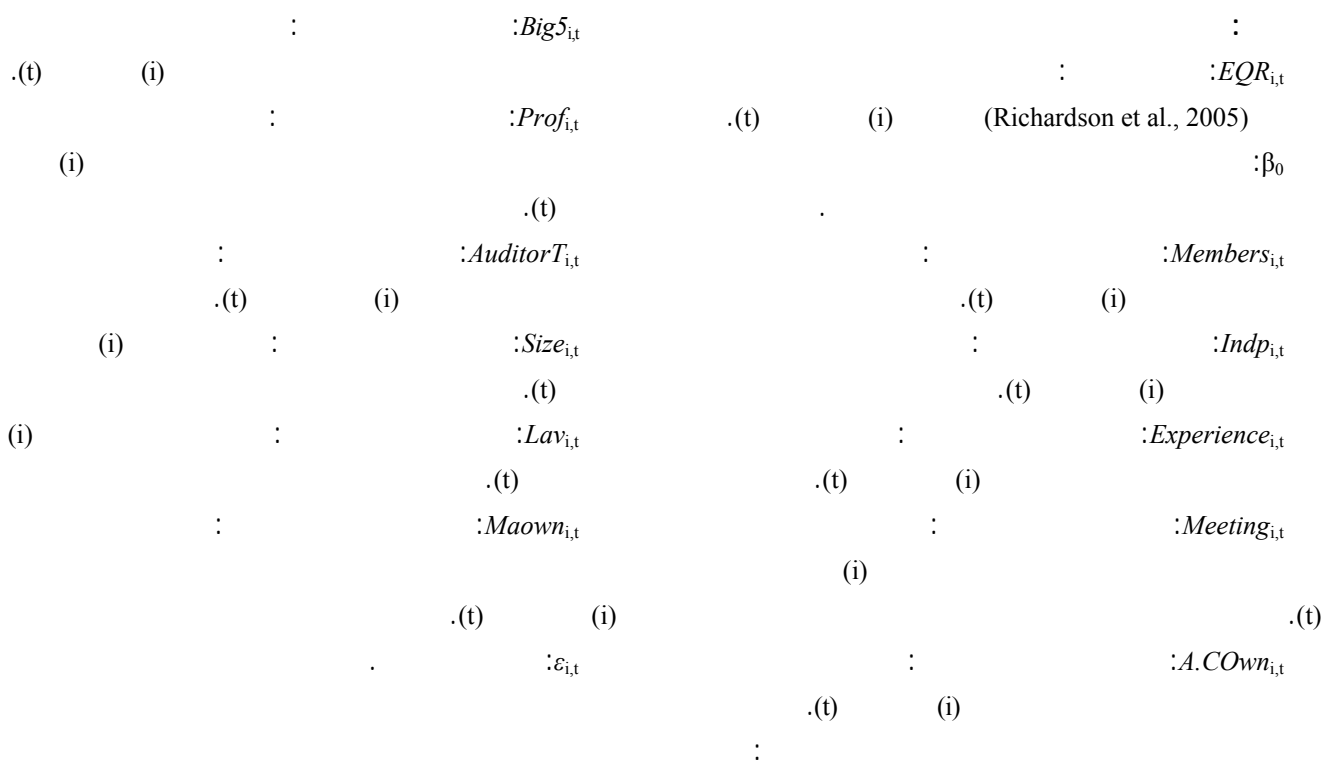
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$$EQR_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Members_{i,t} + \beta_2 Indp_{i,t} + \beta_3 Experience_{i,t} + \beta_4 Meeting_{i,t} + \beta_5 A.COwn_{i,t} + \beta_6 Big5_{i,t} + \beta_7 Size_{i,t} + \beta_8 Lav_{i,t} + \beta_9 Maown_{i,t} + \beta_{10} prof_{i,t} + \beta_{11} AuditorT_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t} \quad (4)$$



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1	0	0.262	0.432	2006	
1	0	0.262	0.432	2007	
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73.58	0	17.965	10.277	2005	
68.61	0	20.027	11.789	2006	
68.85	0	16.758	11.826	2007	
68.85	0	17.174	12.222	2008	
79.15	0	19.474	14.370	2009	
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386,000,000	784,000	75,385,919	34,467,122	2006	
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80.547	1.690	21.912	29.934	2006	
83.254	0.890	24.627	31.561	2007	Leverage
83.654	0.790	19.797	26.927	2008	
81.987	0.310	20.329	27.315	2009	
89.250	0.000	20.875	15.960	2004	
89.250	0.000	20.176	16.694	2005	
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89.250	0.000	19.631	16.234	2007	MAOWN
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6.000	3.000	1.022	5.449	2006	
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15 (30%)	35 (70%)	2004	
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14 (28%)	36 (72%)	2006	
12 (24%)	38 (76%)	2007	AC Indep.
15 (30%)	35 (70%)	2008	
15 (30%)	35 (70%)	2009	
16 (32%)	34 (68%)	2004	Big5
16 (32%)	34 (68%)	2005	
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Frequency of 0's	Frequency of 1's	
15 (40%)	30 (60%)	2009
11 (22%)	22 (44%)	2004
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Low EQ	Questionable EQ	High EQ	
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25 (50%)	0 (0%)	25 (50%)	2005
25 (50%)	1 (2%)	24 (48%)	2006
25 (50%)	1 (2%)	24 (48%)	2007
28 (56%)	0 (0%)	22 (44%)	2008
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1.289	0.472	+	AC Indep.
(0.197)	(0.638)		
0.984	-0.463	+	AC Exp.



(0.441)	(0.644)		
2.294	-2.353	+/-	AC Meet.
(0.022)	(0.020)		
-2.998	5.509	-	ACOwn.
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-4.265	6.431	+	Big5
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3.620	-4.738	+	Size
(0.000)	(0.000)		
-3.274	0.075	+	Leverage
(0.001)	(0.941)		
-2.142	-0.721	-	MAOwn.
(0.032)	(0.473)		
0.423	0.489	+/-	Audit period
(0.672)	(0.626)		
-0.786	-2.100	+	Prof.
(0.432)	(0.038)		
	8.616		F-statistic
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	0.439		R-Square
0.705	0.388		Adjusted R <sup>2</sup> (Akaike)

OLS: *t*-test (top), *p*-value (bottom), two-tailed. Binary logit: *z*-test (top), *p*-value (bottom).

*t*-Critical: at df 39, and confidence level of 99% is 2.390 and level of 95% is 1.671 and level of 90% is 1.296

*z*-Critical: at confidence level of 95% is 1.650

*F*-Critical (df for denominator  $n-\beta-1 = 50-11-1 = 38$ ) and (df for numerator  $=\beta=11$ ) and confidence level of 99% is 2.730 and confidence level of 95% is 2.040

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## The Role of Audit Committees in Persisting Earnings as Evidence of Earnings Quality

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### ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to investigate the characteristics of the audit committees in Jordanian Industrial Corporation, and their effect on earnings quality which is measured by persistence of earnings. The study included 50 industrial corporations listed in Amman stock exchange from 2004-2009. By using Pooled Regression method, the study concluded that there is a positive effect for the number of meetings of audit committee members on the earnings quality. There was also a negative effect for audit committee ownership on the earnings quality. At the same time,-- there was no effect for other characteristics of audit committee (size of audit committee, independence of audit committee members, and financial expertise of audit committee members) on improving earnings quality. Based on their results, the study recommended to several aspects either organizers or supervisions on the Jordanian financial market to activate the tools of corporate governance in terms of audit committee and implementation the principles.

**Keywords:** Corporate Governance, Audit Committees Characteristics, Earnings Quality, Earnings Persistence, Jordanian Industrial Corporations.