The purpose of this research is to analyze the effect of corporate governance mechanism on the earnings management. Corporate governance mechanism is measured by board structure (board independent and board gender diversity), managerial ownership, audit committee, and audit quality.

The sample consists of 120 manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the period 2013-2017. The samples were selected using purposive sampling method. This research used statistic descriptive analysis and utilized multi regression method in investigating the questions that were raised in this study.

The results showed that board independent have a significant positive effect on earnings management. While audit committee and audit quality have a significant negative effect on earnings management. In contrast, this research found that board gender diversity and managerial ownership have no significant effect on earnings management. For the control variables namely leverage found a significant and negative relation with earnings management, and board size has found an insignificant relation with earnings management.

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