# The Influence of Buyback Features on Coupon Rate and Bond Ratings

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*Abstract:* The buyback feature is a feature that is owned by the type of callable bonds, where the issuer has the right to pay off the bond before maturity at the call price. This study aims to obtain empirical evidence regarding the effect of the buyback feature on coupon rates and bond ratings. The population in this study are all companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange and issuing bonds in the period of 2016 - 2018. The sampling technique of this study used non probability sampling with a purposive sampling method to obtain 170 research samples. Data analysis technique used is Multivariate Analysis of Covariance. The results of the hypothesis test concluded that the  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  hypotheses were rejected, so the buyback feature did not significantly have a positive effect on the coupon rate and did not have a significant negative effect on the bond ratings.

Keywords: bonds, buyback features, coupon rates, bond ratings.

# I. INTRODUCTION

The bond is a debt security, under which the issuer owes the holders a debt and (depending on the terms of the bond) is obliged to pay them interest (the coupon) or to repay the principal at a later date, termed the maturity date (Wikipedia, 2020). Bonds are one type of investment that can be purchased by investors as an alternative investment. Bonds can be used as a source of financing or to obtain additional funds for companies that issuing bond. Bonds are securities issued by issuers to investors (bondholders). The issuer will provide a return in the form of a coupon that is paid periodically and pays the principal value when the bond is due. Based on data from the OJK, bond investment trading has increased since the last 6 years, this indicates that there are a lot of demand on bond investment each year. The details of the recapitulation of bond trading from 2013-2018 can be seen in table 1.1

Voor	Su	rat Utang Negara		Corporation		
I cai	Outstanding	Volume (Million)	Freq	Outstanding	Volume (Million)	Freq
2013	995,251,926	1,877,736,673.75	121,561	218,219,600	185,718,893.72	19,989
2014	1,209,960,975	2,837,543,677.86	159,345	223,463,600	167,674,457.05	22,153
2015	1,425,994,103	3,399,241,916.15	169,822	249,879,900	187,655,445.10	22,279
2016	1,773,278,632	3,649,061,788.00	212,757	311,678,550	224,317,968.00	24,398
2017	2,099,765,960	3,842,419,890.00	214,618	387,329,515	322,133,270.00	30,476
2018	2,365,350,521	5,007,798,520.00	230,763	411,857,395	327,616,844.00	30,324

Table 1.1: Details of the Bond Trading Recapitulation

Source: Otoritas Jasa Keuangan (OJK), 2019

Table 1.1 shows the details of the recapitulation of bond trading from 2013 to 2018 which has increased. The reason why the bond investment trading is increasing is because investors see that the risks contained in these bonds are lower than stocks, but bonds remain risky assets (Hartono, 2016: 251).

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Risks arising from bond investments can come from agency conflicts, where this is a reality that cannot be avoided when a company conducts a debt policy. The conflict between the agent and the principal in the perspective of agency theory is motivated by the information asymmetry. This conflict between shareholders (agents) and bondholders (principals) is due to a different pay off structure and risk level. The pay-off structure of bondholders receives fixed income from interest and returns on their loans, while shareholders receive income when there is excess after the obligations to the bondholders are paid. Based on the level of risk, when shareholders carry out activities with high risk, the level of risk faced by bondholders is much higher than shareholders (Adhiputra, 2018). Several risks that need to be considered by bondholders in bond investment are interest rate risk, buyback risk, and default risk.

Call back risk is the risk caused by the type of bond that has a feature call / buyback feature. The buyback feature is one of the features of the type of callable bonds, where the issuer has the right to pay off the bond before maturity at the call price (higher than the fixed par price). The realization of the buyback feature is usually done if there is a decrease in interest rates which causes an increase in bond prices. One example of the buyback feature giving a loss to investors is that the company PT Sri Rejeki Isman Tbk (SRIL) in February 2019 had just completed a tender offer on purchases return or global bond buyback. The bond issuance value of US \$ 350 million was repurchased by SRIL with a bond issuance of US \$ 175.48 million. This caused a decrease in the company's interest expense of around 2% per year which will be experienced in 2020.

Coupon rate is the loan interest rate that must be paid by the debtor to the creditor. Bond interest rates vary depending on company management policy. The value of coupon rate depends on the risks inherent in the bond such as the buyback feature which is a risk of repurchase (call risk). The results of the study by Becker, et al. (2018) found the result that call options on bonds that have a buyback feature are very valuable for issuers and can be detrimental to investors. Callablebond ownership compensation for investors must have a higher return than bonds that cannot be bought back.

Bond ratings are character symbols given by rating agencies to show the risk of bonds (Hartono, 2016). In general, bond rating is a level of measurement of the quality and safety of a bond based on the financial condition of the bond issuer. Specifically, the bond rating is the result of an evaluation conducted by a rating agency which is an indicator of the bond issuer's ability to be able to pay debts and interest on time. Bond ratings reflect all risk scales of traded bonds (Veronica, 2015). Bond risk is the possibility of a bond not being paid on time (default) and the risk of a buyback.

One of the cases that occurred in Indonesia, where the issuer was threatened by default when the issuer tried to carry out its bond buyback activities was PT Kawasan Industri Jababeka Tbk (KIJA). PT Kawasan Industri Jababeka Tbk (KIJA) is a company engaged in industrial estates, on July 8, 2019 announced that the company has the risk of default in the near future for debt securities with a total of US \$ 300 million or equivalent to Rp 4.26 trillion. The company experienced a change in the composition of the board of directors and the board of commissioners, which required the company to buy back bonds at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount of US \$ 300 million or equivalent to Rp 4.26 trillion. This value does not include interest obligations that must be paid. If the company is unable to carry out the purchase offer, the company will be in a default state (Ayuningtyas, 2019). The default condition will make the company having a low bond rating.

Independent institutions that provide credit rating information for bond issuers based on the Surat Edaran Otoritas Jasa Keuangan 37/SEOJK.03/2016 regarding rating agencies and ratings recognized by the Otoritas Jasa Keuangan there are five rating agencies recognized by the Otoritas Jasa Keuangan. The five agencies are Moody's Investor Service, Standar and Poor's, Fitch Ratings, PT. Fitch Rating Indonesia, dan PT. Pemeringkat Efek Indonesia.

Bond rating agencies provide risk scale rating information, which shows the security of a bond for investors. Potential investor profits are limited by the withdrawal of bonds when the interest rate falls, which is detrimental to the investor. This loss can make a bond rating agency signal a relatively lower bond rating for bonds that have a buyback feature.

This study is different from previous studies because using the buyback feature variable affects the coupon rate and bond rating. Researchers still have not found much research that tries to examine the effect of buyback features on coupon rates and bond ratings, so researchers are interested in examining this variable to broaden the study of bonds and support the theory used. The formulation of the problem in this study is first, whether the buyback feature affects the coupon rate. Second, whether the buyback feature affects the bond rating. The research objective is to provide empirical evidence regarding the effect of the buyback feature on the coupon rate and provide empirical evidence about the effect of the buyback feature on the bond rating.

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The benefits of the research are expected to provide theoretical and practical uses. The theoretical benefits are expected to support agency theory in confirming the concept of buyback features at coupon rates and bond ratings. This research is expected to be used as study material or further research material for other researchers who will conduct further research on the same topic.

The practical benefits focused on the author are expected to provide additional insight, knowledge and understanding for the authors themselves about the buyback feature influencing the coupon rate and bond rating. For investors, it is expected to increase understanding and insight for investors who want to invest, especially corporate bonds. Before deciding to buy bonds investors should pay attention to the buyback features inherent in bonds because they affect the coupon rate and bond rating. For issuers, they can provide consideration for bond issuing companies so that before deciding to issue bonds, issuers must maintain the company's sustainability in order to avoid bond defaults. For rating agencies, it can provide information to rating agencies that in determining the rating of corporate bonds, they must pay attention to the buyback features inherent in the bonds.

## II. CONCEPTUAL MODEL AND HYPOTHESES

### 2.1. Agency Theory

The basic theory used is agency theory which illustrates that there is a contract of one or more people (principals) that instructs other people (agents) to perform a service on behalf of the principal and authorizes the agent to make the best decision for the principal. Conflicts of interest will arise from delegation of tasks given to agents caused by information asymmetry, where there is an imbalance of information due to unequal distribution of information between agent and principal. Agency conflict that arises from the company's policy to obtain funding from outside the company in the form of debt to third parties such as bonds is a conflict between shareholders and bondholders.

### 2.2. Bonds

The definition of bonds according to Hartono (2016: 210) is long-term debt that will be repaid at maturity with fixed interest. Bonds have different characteristics from other types of securities. The characteristics of bonds are the value of the bond, the term of the bond, the principal and coupon rate, and the payment schedule. Types of bonds can be grouped into several categories, based on the issuer, based on the interest payment system, and based on the type and characteristics.

## 2.3. Coupon Rate

Coupon rate is the loan interest rate that must be paid by the debtor to the creditor. Coupon exchange rate is the interest rate or return of the bond. The obligation to pay the coupon (bond interest rate) is done periodically in accordance with the previous agreement, it can be done quarterly or semi-annually. Based on the type of interest, the bond can be divided into two types, namely fixed interest and floating interest.

#### 2.4. Bond Ratings

Bond rating is a measure of the quality and safety of a bond based on the financial condition of the bond issuer. Specifically, the bond rating is the result of an evaluation conducted by a rating agency which is an indicator of the possibility of a bond issuer being able to pay debts and interest on time. Rating agencies are institutions with a special function that is to assess the timeliness of payments by the issuer on its financial obligations (Prastiani, 2018). OJK (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan) states that every bond traded on the Indonesia Stock Exchange must be rated by a rating agency. Pefindo is one of the bond rating agencies in Indonesia. Bond ratings can be divided into two categories, namely investment grade (AAA, AA, A and BBB) and non-investment grade (BB, B, CCC and D). PT Pefindo has a special methodology used to rank debt securities, which includes three main risk assessments (industry risk, business risk, and financial risk).

#### 2.5. Buyback Features

Features according to Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (KBBI) Features according to the Big Indonesian Dictionary (KBBI) means special characteristics contained in a tool, in this study the intended tool is one investment tool in the form of bonds. The buyback feature is one of the features of the type of callable bonds, where the issuer has the right to pay off the bond before maturity at the call price (higher than the fixed par price). The realization of the buyback feature is usually done if there is a decrease in interest rates which causes an increase in bond prices.

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## 2.6. Research Hypothesis

The results of the study of Becker, et al. (2018) found the result that call options on bonds that have a buyback feature are very valuable for issuers and can be detrimental to investors. Compensation of ownership of callable bonds for investors is to have a higher return than bonds that cannot be bought back. A high coupon value will cause bonds to attract investors because a high coupon value will provide a higher yield as well (Susanti & Permana, 2017). It can be concluded that the coupon has a positive effect on risk.

H<sub>1</sub>: The buyback feature has a positive effect on the coupon rate.

Bond ratings reflect all risk scales of traded bonds (Veronica, 2015). Investment risks that may arise such as the risk of bond buyback. Issuers who have the right to repurchase their bonds are made when deposit rates decline and bond prices tend to increase. The decision to buyback bonds by issuers can hurt investors, because investors do not fully get the maximum bond yield (Veronica, 2015). The risk faced by these investors is reflected in the bond rating. The smaller the rating reflects the greater the risk level of the bond.

H<sub>2</sub>: The buyback feature has a negative effect on bond ratings.

## **III. RESEARCH METHODS**

This study uses quantitative data and uses secondary data there are bond prospectuses, annual reports and notes of the company's financial statements. The method used in this study is non-participant observation, data obtained from the IDX. The variables used in this study are the buyback feature, coupon rate, and bond rating. The populations in this study are all companies that issue bonds listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the period of 2016-2018.

The sampling method in this study is non probability sampling using purposive sampling technique with the following criteria, companies listed on the IDX and issuing bonds during the period 2016 - 2018, corporate bonds listed in the bond rating issued by PT Pefindo, the company publishes financial statements and Complete annual report from the period 2016 - 2018, the company's financial statements use the Indonesian currency (Rp), corporate bonds do not have a floating coupon rate. Data analysis techniques in this study using Multivariate Analysis of Covariance (MANCOVA). Figure 1 shows the design of this study.



**Figure 1. Research Design** 

Source: Data Processed 2019

Coupon rates are measured using coupons given by bond issuers. Data obtained from the prospectus of bonds in the library of PT. Indonesia stock exchange. Measurement of bond ratings uses interpretation from using codes 18 through 1 with the intention of higher weights representing higher rankings (Winanti et al., 2017). The bond rating scale is shown in Table 2.

Bond Ratings	Scale
AAA	19
AA+	18
AA	17
AA-	16
A+	15
А	14
A-	13
BBB+	12

#### **Table 2: Bond Ratings Scale**

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BBB	11
BBB-	10
BB+	9
BB	8
BB-	7
B+	6
В	5
В-	4
CCC	3
SD	2
D	1

Source: Winanti dkk. (2017)

The buyback feature measurement scale in this study uses a nominal scale which is a dummy variable. Measurements are made by giving a value of 1 if the bond has a buyback feature and 0 if the bond does not have a buyback feature. Company size is a measure that shows the size of the company. Company size is measured using total assets. The measuring scale of the company size variable is the scale of total assets with natural log. Company Size = Ln (Total Assets).

## IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on the availability of data on the IDX, 170 samples of bonds were obtained. Table 3 shows the procedure for selecting study samples.

#### **Table 3: Sample Selection Procedure**

Criteria	Amount
Companies listed on the IDX and issuing bonds during the 2016-2018 period	428
Corporate bonds not listed in the bond rating issued other than PT Pefindo	(91)
Companies that publish incomplete financial statements and annual reports for the 2016-2018 period	(137)
Financial statements of companies that do not use the Indonesian currency (Rp)	(30)
The company's bonds have a floating coupon rate	(0)
Number of samples studied	170
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Source: www.idx.co.id (Data Processed, 2019)

Descriptive statistics are used to provide a description of the research variables as seen from the mean, standard deviation, maximum and minimum. The characteristics in detail are presented in Table 4.

Table 4: Descriptive S	Statistics Analysis
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Descriptive Statistics						
		Ν	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
There are	Coupon Rate	156	6,50	12,50	8,58	1,10
Buyback	Bond	156	12	19	17,42	2,23
Features	Ratings					
There is no	Coupon Rate	14	6,35	11	9,40	1,50
Buyback	Bond	14	12	10	15 57	2 82
Features	Ratings	14	12	17	15,57	2,02
	Buyback Features	170	0	1	0,92	0,28
	Coupon Rate	170	6,35	12,50	8,64	1,15
All Samples	Bond Ratings	170	12	19	17,26	2,33
	Company Size	170	28,30	34,93	31,85	1,59

Source: Processed secondary data processed, 2019

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Based on the results of descriptive statistics analysis of the data shown in Table 3 the results show that the research sample for bonds that have a buyback feature totaled 156, the research sample for bonds that do not have a buyback feature totaled 14, and the total sample amounted to 170 with the following explanation:

1. Coupon rate for bonds that have a buyback feature has a minimum value of 6.50 and a maximum value of 12.50. The average is 8.58 with a standard deviation of 1.10.

2. Bond ratings for bonds that have a buyback feature have a minimum value of 12 and a maximum value of 19. The data average is 17.42 with a standard deviation of 2.23.

3. Coupon rate for bonds that do not have a buyback feature has a minimum value of 6.35 and a maximum value of 11.00. The data average is 9.40 with a standard deviation of 1.50.

4. Bond ratings for bonds that do not have a buyback feature have a minimum value of 12 and a maximum value of 19. Average is obtained at 15.57 with a standard deviation of 2.82.

5. The buyback feature has a minimum value of 0 and a maximum value of 1. The average is obtained at 0.92 with a standard deviation of 0.276.

6. Coupon rate has a minimum value of 6.35 and a maximum value of 12.5. The average is obtained at 8.644 with a standard deviation of 1.152.

7. The bond rating has a minimum value of 12 and a maximum value of 19. The average is obtained at 17.26 with a standard deviation of 2.332.

8. The size of the company has a minimum value of 28.30 and a maximum value of 34.93. The average is obtained at 31.84 with a standard deviation of 31.85.

Assumptions that must be fulfilled before the mancova test is as follows (Saluh et al., 2014). Multivariate normal distribution is an extension of univariate normal distribution. Data normality test is performed to determine whether the distribution of a data follows or approaches the normal distribution, namely the distribution of data in the form of a bell (Mardelina, 2017).



Figure 2: P-P Plot Graph

Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

Based on the results of the p-p plot graph obtained that the data spread around the diagonal line, the regression model meets the normality assumption.

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Correlations			
		Mahalanobis	
		Distance	Qi
Mahalanobis Distance	Pearson Correlation	1	.978**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	Ν	170	170
Qi	Pearson Correlation	$.978^{**}$	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	Ν	170	170
**. Correlation is signifi	cant at the 0.01 level (2-ta	ailed).	

## **Table 5: Correlation Results for Normality Test**

Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

Based on the table 5 regarding the correlation value obtained a significant value of 0,000. Significance value of 0,000 is less than 0.05 (0,000 <0.05), this shows that  $H_0$  is accepted. So it was concluded that the data were multivariate normal distribution.

The variance homogeneity test is a test of variance equation on the two dependent variables individually which can be seen from the results of the Levene test (Mardelina, 2017).

Levene's Test of Ec	quality of Error	Variances <sup>a</sup>		
	F	df1	df2	Sig.
Coupon Rate	1.368	1	168	.244
Bond Ratings	.846	1	168	.359
Tests the null hypotacross groups.	thesis that the er	ror variance	e of the depende	ent variable is equal
a. Design: Intercept	+ X1 + p1			

#### **Table 6: Variance Homogeneity Test Results**

Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

Based on Table 6 it can be seen that the significant value of the coupon rate of 0.244 with an F value of 1.368, and the significant value of the bond rating of 0.359 with an F value of 0.846. From the results of the analysis obtained a significant value from the coupon rate and bond ratings show values of more than 0.05 so that H0 is accepted. This means that the population variance is identical / homogeneous and further testing can be done.

Homogeneity test for variance / covariance matrices conducted to see whether the covariance matrix of the dependent variable is the same for the existing groups (independent).

Box's Test of Equality of Covariance Matrices <sup>a</sup>							
Box's M	2.652						
F	.834						
df1	3						
df2	6080.580						
Sig.	.475						
Tests the null hypothesis of the dependent variable	s that the observed covariance matrices s are equal across groups.						
a. Design: Intercept + X1	+ p1						

Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

In Table 7 it can be seen that the significance value of the data is 0.475. This value is greater than 0.05, which means that  $H_0$  is accepted. Therefore, it can be concluded that the variance matrix of homogeneous covariance or covariance of the dependent variable in each group is the same. The next test is the mancova test. The equation model used is as follows.

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 $Y_1 + Y_2 + p_1 = X_1$ ....(1)

#### Information:

Y1: Coupon Rate

Y2: Bond Rating

p1: Company Size

X: Buyback feature

Multivariate significance test is conducted to determine the centroid differences of two or more groups that can be evaluated with various statistical test criteria.

Effect		Value	F	Hypot- hesis di	f Error df	Sig.	Noncent. Parameter	Observed Power <sup>b</sup>
Intercept	Pillai's Trace	.400	55.220 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	110.439	1.000
	Wilks' Lambda	.600	55.220 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	110.439	1.000
	Hotelling's Trace	.665	55.220 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	110.439	1.000
	Roy's Largest Root	.665	55.220 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	110.439	1.000
X1	Pillai's Trace	.127	12.120 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	24.240	.995
	Wilks' Lambda	.873	12.120 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	24.240	.995
	Hotelling's Trace	.146	12.120 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	24.240	.995
	Roy's Largest Root	.146	$12.120^{a}$	2.000	166.000	.000	24.240	.995
p1	Pillai's Trace	.276	31.646 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	63.292	1.000
	Wilks' Lambda	.724	31.646 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	63.292	1.000
	Hotelling's Trace	.381	31.646 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	63.292	1.000
	Roy's Largest Root	.381	31.646 <sup>a</sup>	2.000	166.000	.000	63.292	1.000
a. Exact star	tistic							
b. Compute	d using alpha = .05							
c. Design: I	ntercept + $X1 + p1$							

Т	able	8:	Mancova	Test	Results
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Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

The results of the mancova test can be seen in table 8 of multivariate tests. Values for Wilks'ambda, Pillae Trace, Hotelling race, Roy's Largest Root have a significance value of 0,000 where the significance value is less than 0.05, it can be concluded that H0 is rejected. This means that the free variable buyback feature shows the influence of the dependent variable (coupon rate and bond rating).

The univariate significant test (test of between subject effects) was used to find out which variable caused the difference in the average of the two groups through the univariate F.

Tests of Between-Subjects Effects										
Source	Dependent Variable	Type III Su of Squares	m Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Noncent. Parameter	Observed Power <sup>b</sup>		
Corrected Model	Coupon Rate	32.879 <sup>a</sup>	2	16.440	14.327	.000	28.654	.999		
	Bond Ratings	283.971 <sup>c</sup>	2	141.985	37.334	.000	74.668	1.000		
Intercept	Coupon Rate	106.543	1	106.543	92.852	.000	92.852	1.000		
	Bond Ratings	25.881	1	25.881	6.805	.010	6.805	.737		
X1	Coupon Rate	17.103	1	17.103	14.905	.000	14.905	.970		
	Bond Ratings	87.918	1	87.918	23.117	.000	23.117	.998		
p1	Coupon Rate	21.816	1	21.816	19.012	.000	19.012	.991		
	Bond Ratings	240.228	1	240.228	63.166	.000	63.166	1.000		
Error	Coupon Rate	191.625	167	1.147						
	Bond Ratings	635.117	167	3.803						

Table 9: Test Results of Between-Subjects Effects Test

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Total	Coupon Rate	12929.196	170	
	Bond Ratings	51591.000	170	
Corrected	Coupon Rate	224.504	169	
Total	Bond Ratings	919.088	169	
a. R Square	d = .146 (Adjusted R	Squared = $.136$	<b>5</b> )	
b. Compute	ed using alpha = .05			
c. R Square	d = .309 (Adjusted R	Squared $= .301$	)	

Source: Processed secondary data, 2019

Based on table 9 it is obtained that the significance of the coupon rate shows 0,000 < 0.05, it can be concluded that the average coupon rate shows the effect on the variable X (buyback feature). While it is obtained that the significance of the bond rating shows 0,000 < 0.05, it can be concluded that the average bond rating shows the effect on variable X (buyback feature).

Based on the results of the hypothesis test, the influence of the buyback feature on the coupon rate through the multivariate test shows a significant effect with a value of 0,000 < 0.05, and for the direction of influence can be seen from the descriptive statistical value on the mean coupon rate for bonds that have a buyback feature of 8.58 and the mean coupon rate for bonds that do not have a buyback feature of 9.40 can be concluded that the mean coupon rate for bonds that have a buyback feature is smaller / decreasing or has a negative effect compared to the mean coupon rate for bonds that do not have features buyback.

Thus, H1 hypothesis is rejected, the buyback feature has no positive effect on the coupon rate. This happened due to companies issuing bonds without the buyback feature, which turned out to provide a higher coupon rate compared to companies that issue bonds with a buyback feature and the low ability of bond issuing companies with buyback features to compensate callable bond ownership to investors in the form of higher returns than bonds that cannot be repurchased.

Inefficient capital markets can also be one of the reasons companies do not consider giving a higher coupon rate to investors who buy bonds with a buyback feature. The Indonesian capital market is still not functioning optimally and is still in the weak efficient category level (Ady and Mulyaningtyas, 2017). The research sample is also suspected not to be heterogeneous enough to handle other dominant factors that can influence the results of this study such as a decrease in interest rates. Putriadita (2017).

Based on the results of the hypothesis test the effect of the buyback feature on bond ratings through the multivariate test shows a significant effect with a value of 0,000 < 0.05 and for the direction of influence can be seen from the mean value of bond ratings. The mean value of bonds that have a buyback feature of 17.42 and the mean value of bond ratings for bonds that do not have a buyback feature of 15.57. It can be concluded that the mean value of bond ratings for bonds that do not have a buyback feature is greater / increased or has a positive effect compared to the mean value of bond ratings for bonds that do not have a buyback feature.

Thus, the H2 hypothesis is rejected or the buyback feature has no negative effect on bond ratings. This is because companies that issue bonds without the buyback feature apparently get lower bond ratings compared to companies that issue bonds with a buyback feature. Risks faced by investors such as the risk of bond buyback are not reflected in the bond rating. This condition shows that inefficient capital markets allow a biased reaction to information.

# V. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on the results of the research analysis and the results of the discussion in the previous chapter, the conclusions of this study are as follows.

1. The effect of the buyback feature has no positive effect on the coupon rate. The influence of the buyback feature on the coupon rate through multivariate tests and statistical values on the mean coupon rate for bonds that have a smaller / declining buyback feature or have a negative effect compared to the mean coupon rate for bonds that do not have a buyback feature. It can be concluded that the  $H_1$  hypothesis is rejected.

2. The effect of the buyback feature has no negative effect on the bond rating. The influence of the buyback feature on the bond rating through the multivariate test and the statistical value on the mean rating of bonds that have a buyback feature that is greater / increased or has a positive effect compared to the mean rating of bonds for bonds that are does not have a buyback feature. It can be concluded that  $H_2$  hypothesis is rejected.

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Based on these conclusions, the suggestions of this study are as follows:

1. For investors who want to invest in bonds, should pay attention to things that are attached to bonds such as the buyback feature, high coupon rate, and bond rating to be able to choose good bonds.

2. For further research, you should add another dominant factor affecting the coupon rate and bond rating. Further research can also expand the research year so that the sample used can be balanced between bonds that have a buyback feature, and bonds that do not have a buyback feature.

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