Zombie Board: Board Tenure and Firm Performance

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The paper used data collected from various sources. The data are downloaded around May 2011:

- CEO Compensation Data: We obtained CEO compensation data from the Execucomp database. CEO Incentive data is shared with us by Coles, Daniel and Naveen (2013) and is available from Lalitha Naveen's website: (https://sites.temple.edu/Inaveen/data/).
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We describe the data in Section 3 and the appendix of our paper. For details, please refer to our Stata do file provided.

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We use Stata to convert the raw data and perform all analyses. The Stata do-file "MainCode_JAR" uses the dataset obtained from various sources to construct the final dataset and yields the content of the main analysis as output. The text file "firmlist.xlsx" provides the company identifiers of the firms in the final dataset.

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