

## Research &amp; due diligence

# Before an AI-generated report reaches a client

From the field note ["AI hallucinated citations: how we trace every report sentence to a quote"](#).

## The short version

- ◇ Never let the model type citations: require a verbatim quote per claim and build citations from claim mappings.
- ◇ Check every number in plain code before any AI verifier runs, so invented figures fail even if both models approve.
- ◇ Collapse syndicated copies into one voice and require two independent voices before a claim counts as supported.
- ◇ Cap concurrency, retries and failing sources, and disclose what was skipped.
- ◇ Label confidence a heuristic and show what the checks rejected.

## The checklist

- ☐ Pick five cited sentences at random and find the exact supporting text in each source.
- ☐ Check every number, sign, unit and currency against the quoted text.
- ☐ Ask whether citations come from stored evidence or the model's own writing.
- ☐ Require two sources that did not copy each other before anything is called supported.
- ☐ Ask what the confidence score measures; push back if it is sold as a calibrated probability.
- ☐ Confirm the report lists what was rejected, contested, unreachable or paused.

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