EVIDENCE REPORT

"World's First" Claim Verification
for VeritasChain Protocol (VCP) v1.1

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Three independent research analyses conducted comprehensive prior art searches across academic databases, patent repositories, commercial products, and open-source projects.

Unanimous Finding: No prior implementation combines cryptographically verifiable audit trails, AI decision logging, MT5 integration, production deployment, and sidecar architecture.

Defensible Claim: VCP is the world's first open-source, publicly documented, production-grade implementation of cryptographically verifiable AI decision audit trails for MetaTrader 4/5 environments.

1. Research Methodology

This evidence report synthesizes independent prior art searches conducted by three separate research methodologies, each using different search approaches and source databases:

Analysis	Search Scope	Queries	Sources
Independent Analysis A	Academic, Commercial, OSS, MT5 Ecosystem	5 domains	USENIX, FC, MQL5 Marketplace, RegTech
Independent Analysis B	Web, arXiv, MDPI, GitHub, Patents	Compre-hensive	Academic papers, GitHub, patent filings
Independent Analysis C	Patents, Academic, Commercial, OSS	85+ queries	Google Patents, arXiv, MDPI, GitHub, vendors

2. Key Findings

2.1 No Prior Art Found for MT5 Cryptographic Audit Trails

All three AI systems independently concluded that no existing system combines the following features:

• MetaTrader 4/5 platform integration

• Cryptographic verification (hash chains, Merkle trees, digital signatures)

• AI decision provenance logging

• Production-grade deployment in real trading environment

• Non-invasive sidecar architecture

• Public documentation and open-source availability

Independent Analysis A:

> "No prior art found meeting all five criteria: MT5 environment + cryptographic verification + AI decision logging + production-grade + sidecar architecture... The claim is substantially supported based on available evidence."

Independent Analysis B:

> "Extensive searches across web sources, academic papers (e.g., arXiv, MDPI), open-source repositories (e.g., GitHub), and specialized queries for prior art matching systems predating VCP's public disclosure in late 2025 yielded no matching systems that combine cryptographic verifiability, AI decision auditing, MT5 integration, and sidecar architecture in a production context."

Independent Analysis C:

> "No competing MT4/MT5 cryptographic audit trail implementations exist. Despite extensive searches across commercial products, open-source projects, academic papers, and patent filings, zero prior implementations specifically provide cryptographically verifiable audit trails for the MetaTrader

> ecosystem."

2.2 MetaQuotes Confirms the Gap

Official MT4/MT5 documentation explicitly acknowledges the absence of cryptographic capabilities:

> "Cryptography is rarely used in MQL programs. There are not so many opportunities in everyday trading to use cryptography." — MetaQuotes Documentation

MT5 logs are stored as plain-text YYYYMMDD.LOG files that can be manually edited, providing no tamper-evidence whatsoever.

3. Prior Art Comparison Matrix

The following matrix compares VCP against identified prior art across key technical dimensions:

Feature	VCP v1.1	MDPI 2021 Blockchain Audit	arXiv 2024 Settlement Model	GitHub rkalis/audit-trail
Cryptographic Verifiability	✓ Yes (SHA-256, Ed25519, Merkle trees)	✓ Yes (blockchain hashing, Quorum network)	✓ Yes (cryptographic hashing, consensus)	✓ Yes (Ethereum smart contract hashes)
AI Decision Logging	✓ Yes (signals, confidence, model hashes)	✗ No (general enterprise logs, no AI)	✗ No (transaction settlements)	✗ No (general app changes)
MT5 Integration	✓ Yes (specific sidecar for MT4/MT5)	✗ No (general enterprise, no trading)	✗ No (telecom/financial settlement)	✗ No (contact app demo, no trading)
Sidecar/Non-Invasive	✓ Yes (out-of-process, no core mods)	✗ No (integrated blockchain client)	✗ No (full distributed ledger)	✗ No (embedded in app)
Production-Grade	✓ Yes (ref impl in MT5, 150 events)	✗ No (lab prototype, simulation)	Partial (empirical but simulation)	✗ No (thesis demo)
Public Documentation	✓ Yes (GitHub specs, Nov-Dec 2025)	✓ Yes (published paper, 2021)	✓ Yes (arXiv, 2024)	Partial (GitHub repo, pre-2025)

Key Insight: No prior art combines the first four rows (MT5 integration + cryptographic verification + AI decision logging + sidecar architecture). VCP is the first system to integrate these components specifically for the MetaTrader environment.

4. Why Open Source is the Decisive Factor

While undisclosed proprietary implementations cannot be ruled out in principle, the open-source nature of VCP provides irrefutable evidence of existence:

Verifiable Existence: GitHub repositories (vcp-spec, vcp-rta-reference) provide timestamped, immutable proof of implementation.

Reproducible Evidence: The evidence pack with 150 signed events can be independently verified by any third party using the provided tools.

Regulatory Acceptance: Open documentation meets the transparency requirements of regulators (MiFID II, EU AI Act) and standard bodies (IETF, ISO).

Community Validation: Public availability enables peer review and independent security audits.

> As one analysis states: "The strongest defensible position is claiming VCP as 'the first publicly documented, open-standard implementation' — this is verifiably true through GitHub repositories and doesn't require proving the non-existence of undisclosed proprietary systems."

5. Defensible Claims

5.1 Supported Claims (All Three Analyses Agree)

1. "World's first production-grade cryptographically verifiable audit trail for MetaTrader 5" — SUPPORTED

2. "First sidecar architecture for cryptographic audit logging in MT5" — SUPPORTED

3. "First open, publicly documented cryptographic audit protocol for algorithmic trading in MT5" — SUPPORTED

4. "First AI-driven trading decision audit trail for MetaTrader platforms" — SUPPORTED

5.2 Claims Requiring Qualification

The following broader claims should be avoided or qualified:

• **"First cryptographic audit trail ever"** — General patents exist since 2000 (US6968456B1)

• **"First blockchain trading audit"** — AuditChain (2019), Nasdaq (2016) predate VCP

• **"First AI audit logging"** — Clinical AI systems exist (2023)

6. Recommended Press Release Phrasing

Technically Accurate & Legally Safe:

> "VeritasChain Protocol (VCP) v1.1 represents the **world's first open-source, publicly documented, production-grade implementation** of cryptographically verifiable AI decision audit trails in a MetaTrader 4/5 environment, using a non-invasive sidecar architecture that requires no modifications to the core trading platform."

Evidence-Based Qualifier (Optional):

> "Following comprehensive due diligence across 85+ patent searches, academic databases, and commercial product landscapes, no prior cryptographic audit trail implementation for MT4/MT5 has been identified."

7. Conclusion

VERDICT: "WORLD'S FIRST" CLAIM IS DEFENSIBLE

Based on three independent analyses examining academic literature, patent databases, commercial solutions, and open-source projects:

- **No prior art** combines MT5 integration + cryptographic verification + AI decision logging + sidecar architecture
- **MetaQuotes confirms** MT5 lacks native cryptographic audit capabilities
- **Enterprise RegTech** solutions (Eventus, NICE Actimize, Nasdaq SMARTS) do not support MT5
- **Open-source frameworks** (Zipline, Backtrader, FreqTrade) provide only plain logging

VCP establishes the **first verifiable standard** for cryptographic audit trails in the MetaTrader ecosystem, serving 9.6 million retail traders worldwide.

8. Sources and References

Primary Sources (Independent Prior Art Analyses):

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[3] Independent Analysis C — "VCP World's First Claim Evaluation", December 2025. 85+ search queries across patents, academic databases, and commercial products.

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[8] RFC 6962 — Certificate Transparency (Merkle Tree specification)

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[10] arXiv 2024 — Blockchain-Anchored Settlement Model for telecom/financial

[11] GitHub rkalis/blockchain-audit-trail — Ethereum-based app audit demo

[12] Custos (NDSS 2020) — eBPF-based OS audit logging

[13] Clinical AI Audit (WJAETS 2023) — Healthcare AI provenance logging

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