

The registration sheet

A verdict negotiated after the evidence arrives is not a verdict but a settlement. Fill this page in before day zero, file it where it cannot be edited without a trace, and let the review read the page instead of the room.

RECORD Six lines, filed before the first phase begins

- 01 Primary outcome.** What would count as success, stated in the window's own terms, priced from your own per-event table and agreed with finance — the strongest claim a window of that length can carry.
- 02 Declared undecidable, in advance.** The questions the window is too short to settle, registered as **NOT DEMONSTRATED** whatever happens, and carried to the longer horizon agreed with finance.
- 03 Stop line.** The avoided share below which the case fails *at your horizon*: your committed spend divided by your horizon multiplied by your own annual baseline. Computed from your own numbers, never borrowed.
- 04 Secondary outcomes.** An alert-precision floor and a disposition-latency contract, both set from your own alert volumes and staffed hours; and no finding living outside the system of record.
- 05 Explicitly not outcomes.** Team enthusiasm, demo quality, dashboard aesthetics, and any measure invented after day zero.
- 06 The date and the jury.** The registered end date, the review tier it is heard at, and who is in the room — sponsor and finance included.

ASK Four rules that keep the goalposts bolted down

- **Is the analysis registered, not just the measure?**
Write down how each number will be computed — the counterfactual per event, priced from your own table — or the computation quietly becomes the goalpost.
- **Are the readings pre-committed?**
SUPPORTED FOR THIS CONTEXT for the bounded claim the evidence actually carries, **NOT DEMONSTRATED** where it does not, plus stop, or restructure once against one named defect with one further window.
- **Does the page say what the window cannot settle?**
A question registered as undecidable in advance cannot be quietly answered in month three.
- **Did the length come from the failure or the diary?**
The window is set by how often the failure you are trying to move actually occurs, and by the cadence at which evidence about it arrives. Then the clock starts at first data, not at kickoff, and nothing new enters the proving phase.

THE BOUNDARY THIS CARD CARRIES

NOT DEMONSTRATED is a verdict in its own right, not a failure of nerve, and a programme that says it out loud at the first review is the one whose second review gets believed. None of the verdicts approves a control, architecture, supplier, maintenance action or operating decision, and this card supplies no window length, acceptance value or stop threshold of its own.