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Claude Watermarking for Pharma and Regulatory Content

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Executive Summary

Claude watermarking for pharma content is a provenance signal, not a regulated-record control. Anthropic announced its text watermark on **August 14, 2026**, then updated its detector information on **September 1, 2026** (anthropic.com). Models launched on or after **August 2, 2026** support marking at launch (support.claude.com); Anthropic says earlier models will be covered by **December 2, 2026** (support.claude.com). The marking is applied at model level on supported models, including access through major cloud partners.

The text mark changes keyed token-selection randomness. A detector asks whether a word sequence is statistically consistent with the key, then produces evidence about probable Claude involvement. It does not establish a user, organization, chat, human author, ownership, factual accuracy, approval, or responsibility. Short text provides limited capacity for a mark, and editing or translation can attenuate it (tsapps.nist.gov) (deepmind.google). No public Claude documentation supplies a universal minimum useful length, detector response schema, or false-positive and false-negative rates.

Content Credentials are different. For supported generated media, Claude can attach a cryptographically signed C2PA manifest, but Anthropic currently says text files, PDFs, and office documents are not signed in this workflow (platform.claude.com). Re-encoding, conversion, screenshots, or metadata stripping can remove the credential (platform.claude.com). C2PA validation can show that signed provenance data remain connected and untampered, but C2PA does not judge whether assertions are substantively true (spec.c2pa.org).

For pharma, the operating rule is simple: retain the provider signal as one evidence field, never as the approval record. **21 CFR Part 11** calls for validated systems, access control, record protection, and secure computer-generated time-stamped audit trails (ecfr.gov). Article 50 separately gives providers a machine-readable marking duty and, in defined public-interest contexts, gives deployers a visible disclosure duty (eur-lex.europa.eu). A defensible implementation therefore combines provenance capture with source verification, human review, version history, named approval, and tested retention.

Introduction and Background

The question “does Claude watermark AI-generated content?” now has a qualified **yes**. As of **September 19, 2026**, supported Claude models can place a probabilistic pattern in generated text and attach C2PA Content Credentials to certain generated media files. Those mechanisms answer narrow provenance questions. They do not replace the control framework that governs a medical-information response, promotional claim, electronic Common Technical Document (eCTD) sequence, standard operating procedure (SOP), training record, or GxP decision.

This distinction matters because the same paragraph may pass through several roles. A model provider creates a machine-readable signal. A pharma company deploys the model within a workflow. Medical, legal, regulatory, and quality reviewers assess meaning, support, and intended use. A validated repository preserves the approved record. A watermark can be present while any of those organizational steps are missing. It can also be absent after legitimate transformation even when Claude participated.

The European Union AI Act makes the provider versus deployer distinction explicit. Article 50 requires providers of systems generating synthetic text, audio, images, or video to mark covered output so that it is detectable (eur-lex.europa.eu). A separate rule can require deployers to disclose generated or manipulated text published to inform the public on matters of public interest (eur-lex.europa.eu). Provider marking does not itself satisfy visible deployer disclosure (digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu).

For an adjacent advisor such as IntuitionLabs, the relevant perspective is implementation governance, not a competing watermark product. The firm describes its work as helping pharmaceutical companies through Veeva CRM, automation, and data solutions (intuitionlabs.ai). Its Trust Center lists intended-use statements, data lineage, model cards, validation protocols, and human oversight as AI governance artifacts (intuitionlabs.ai). That control-oriented framing is the appropriate lens for evaluating Claude’s new signals.

What Anthropic Changed in 2026

Rollout scope and dates

Anthropic’s announcement says **future Claude models** generate text containing a watermark (anthropic.com). Current support documentation names **Claude Fable 5.1**, **Claude Mythos 5.1**, and **Claude Opus 5** in its model matrix. Release notes confirm watermarked text for Fable 5.1 and Mythos 5.1 on **September 1, 2026** (platform.claude.com). Opus 5 began rolling out on cloud-partner surfaces on **September 14, 2026**, with full availability stated within one week (support.claude.com).

Because marking is model-level, it is not confined to the Claude web application. Anthropic lists the Claude Platform API, Claude, Claude Code, Claude Cowork, and Claude Tag among supported surfaces (support.claude.com). It also says supported models accessed through AWS, Google Cloud, or Microsoft Foundry carry watermarks. Organizations should therefore inventory by **model and version**, not assume that an application name or hosting route determines marking.

Detector access

Anthropic's detector API is **private preview**, not general availability (anthropic.com). Stated eligible groups include regulators, media, fact-checkers, independent researchers, educational organizations, civil-society groups, and enterprises with their own legal verification obligations. Anthropic says access will expand over time, but its public material does not publish the API schema, probability thresholds, confidence bands, or validated error rates.

That means a September 2026 policy should distinguish three states:

- **Generator support known:** the exact Claude model and route are documented as marked.
- **Detector access available:** the organization has preview access and contractual permission to use it.
- **Detector performance validated:** the organization has tested representative content, transformations, thresholds, and error handling for its own intended use.

Conflating these states produces false confidence. Product availability establishes neither useful sensitivity for a two-sentence medical answer nor fitness for an evidentiary workflow.

How the Provenance Signals Work

Probabilistic text watermarking

Large language models choose each next token from plausible candidates. Anthropic's method uses a secret key and preceding words to influence otherwise low-stakes choices (anthropic.com). The detector checks whether the observed sequence is unusually consistent with those keyed choices. **Nothing visible is appended**, and no user identifier is encoded.

Claude's implementation is based on **SynthID-Text**. The peer-reviewed method changes sampling, not model training (nature.com). Its scoring function quantifies watermark evidence and compares that evidence with a decision threshold (nature.com). A higher score is still statistical evidence, not a recovered authorship record.

C2PA Content Credentials

The **Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity (C2PA)** model is cryptographic. The specification illustrates a C2PA asset as containing one claim with multiple embedded assertions (spec.c2pa.org). A hard binding uses cryptographic hashes to associate the manifest with an asset (spec.c2pa.org). A valid manifest indicates that the manifest has not changed since signing (spec.c2pa.org). Trust additionally depends on the signing credential and the relying party's trust configuration.

Anthropic's current API documentation lists C2PA credentials for supported generated **image, video, and audio** formats downloaded through the Files API, including PNG, JPEG, MP4, MOV, MP3, and WAV (platform.claude.com). The manifest identifies Anthropic as issuer and carries a timestamp, but records nothing about the user, organization, or request (platform.claude.com).

Table 1 separates four mechanisms that are often incorrectly treated as interchangeable.

Mechanism	Primary question answered	Evidence type	What it does not establish	Pharma use
Claude text watermark	Is this text statistically consistent with partial Claude involvement?	Keyed token pattern and detector score	Identity, authorship, ownership, accuracy, approval, or responsibility	Triage or supplementary provenance field
C2PA Content Credential	Is a signed provenance manifest bound to this asset and untampered?	Cryptographic manifest, signature, assertions, and binding	Truth of the content or substantive truth of every assertion (spec.c2pa.org)	Preserve and verify supported media provenance
Validated audit trail	Who performed which controlled action, and when?	Secure system-generated event history	Factual truth of the underlying scientific statement	Reconstruct creation, revision, review, and release
Electronic signature	Which verified person signed, when, and for what meaning?	Identity-bound signature linked to the record	Provider of every upstream text fragment	Record review, approval, responsibility, or authorship meaning under applicable rules (ecfr.gov)

The matrix shows why provenance is layered. Text watermarking is probabilistic and content-internal. C2PA is cryptographic and file-oriented. Audit trails are process records. Electronic signatures bind an accountable identity and meaning to a controlled record. A mature workflow may retain all four, but none substitutes for the others.

Detectability, Failure Modes, and Interpretation

Length and linguistic freedom create signal. Longer passages contain more watermark evidence (nature.com). Short answers, fixed terminology, citations, tables, and factual language offer fewer harmless token choices. Anthropic consequently says watermarking is sparser in factual passages. Proofreading that changes only punctuation and grammar may create too few marked choices to register.

Code has a related constraint. Exact syntax and semantics reduce entropy, so Claude code generally contains less watermarking than ordinary prose. Independent research likewise identifies low entropy as a challenge for applying general text-watermarking methods to code generation (arxiv.org). Comments and arbitrary naming choices can still carry signal.

Editing is not binary. Mild cropping, a few changed words, and light paraphrasing can preserve detectability (deepmind.google). Thorough rewriting and translation can reduce confidence. A translation generated directly by Claude is newly watermarked because Claude selects its output words, while translating already marked text through another system can attenuate the original pattern.

Table 2 turns those mechanics into workflow expectations. These are directional limitations, not performance benchmarks.

Content or transformation	Expected signal behavior	Reason	Required handling
Long, varied first draft	More detectable than a short constrained sample	More eligible token choices accumulate	Store detector result with model, date, input scope, and threshold

Content or transformation	Expected signal behavior	Reason	Required handling
Short factual response	Weak or indeterminate	Few words and low linguistic freedom	Do not infer human authorship from a negative result
Grammar-only proofreading	Often sparse	Only a handful of corrections may carry the mark	Record the editing instruction and preserve before-and-after versions
Light human editing	Signal may survive	Much of the keyed sequence remains	Treat positive detection as probable involvement, not sole authorship
Heavy paraphrase or mixed authorship	Signal may fall below threshold	Keyed sequence is disrupted or diluted	Use workflow logs and version history as primary evidence
Translation by Claude	New output can be marked	Claude chooses each output word	Record source language, target language, model, and reviewer
Translation by another tool	Original signal may weaken	Token sequence is replaced	Preserve source text and transformation history
Code-heavy output	Generally less signal	Exact syntax reduces alternative choices	Use repository commits, test evidence, and review records
Supported generated media with C2PA	Credential verifies while manifest and binding survive	Signed metadata and asset binding remain available	Verify at creation, ingest, and release boundaries
Re-encoded media, screenshot, or stripped metadata	Credential may disappear	Transformation removes embedded manifest	Preserve original asset and hash; test each publishing path

The operational lesson is asymmetry. **A positive result is limited evidence of Claude involvement. A negative result is not evidence of no AI involvement.** Anthropic states this explicitly for absent marks (support.claude.com). It also says a detected mark is not fully conclusive. Policies should therefore prohibit using a watermark result as the sole basis for authorship attribution, disciplinary action, scientific acceptance, or release approval.

EU AI Act Article 50 Responsibilities

Article 50 generally applied from **August 2, 2026** (eur-lex.europa.eu). Covered systems placed on the market earlier have until **December 2, 2026** to comply with Article 50(2) (eur-lex.europa.eu). The Act can reach providers and deployers outside the Union where AI-system output is used in the Union.

Provider duty

Providers must mark covered synthetic text, audio, image, and video output in a **machine-readable** format. Solutions must be effective, interoperable, robust, and reliable as far as technically feasible, considering implementation cost and the state of the art (eur-lex.europa.eu). The law includes an exception for assistive standard editing and systems that do not substantially alter input or semantics.

Deployer duty

For generated or manipulated text published to inform the public on matters of public interest, deployers must provide a clear and distinguishable disclosure. An exception applies when content has undergone substantive human review or editorial control and a natural or legal person holds editorial responsibility (eur-lex.europa.eu). Commission guidance says superficial or procedural checks do not qualify as such review (digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu).

This is a scope test, not a rule that every pharma document needs a public AI label. Internal analyses and regulator-directed dossiers do not automatically satisfy the public-information criterion. Public disease-awareness, medical-education, or corporate scientific content may require closer assessment. Organizations should evaluate purpose, audience, geography, human review, editorial responsibility, and other sector-specific rules for each publication channel.

The transparency Code of Practice is voluntary, while Article 50 is law (digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu). The Code does not replace the Act or Commission guidelines. Adherence is not conclusive evidence of compliance (digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu).

Pharma Workflow Map and Complementary Controls

Pharma governance should classify the **record and decision**, not merely the model output. Applicability differs by product, jurisdiction, intended use, predicate rule, and quality system. There is no universal rule making every medical-information response, SOP, or AI draft a GxP record. Once a record is regulated or designated controlled, however, a watermark does not provide the required system and human controls.

For promotional content, FDA states that prescription-drug information should be truthful, balanced, and accurately communicated (fda.gov). Advertisements cannot be false or misleading or omit material facts, and must fairly balance effectiveness and risk (fda.gov). The watermark says nothing about those substantive conditions. A positive detection cannot validate a claim or its supporting reference.

For regulatory dossiers, FDA identifies eCTD as the standard format for drug and biologic applications, amendments, supplements, and reports (fda.gov). ICH organizes the Common Technical Document into **five modules**, with Module 1 regional and Modules 2 through 5 common (admin.ich.org). Provenance can supplement drafting records, but submission lifecycle, source verification, sequence management, and accountable approval remain the controlling evidence.

Table 3 maps common workflows to the right role for watermark evidence.

Workflow	Possible watermark use	Required complementary controls	Why watermark alone is insufficient
Medical-information response	Flag probable Claude processing and retain detector output	Approved sources, question context, response version, medical review, date, named sender	Does not establish clinical accuracy, completeness, or reviewer accountability
Promotional material	Supplement origin metadata	Claim-to-source annotation, fair-balance review, approved labelling, legal and regulatory approval, release history	FDA requires supported and balanced communication, not merely disclosed AI use

Workflow	Possible watermark use	Required complementary controls	Why watermark alone is insufficient
Regulatory dossier	Record AI assistance during drafting	eCTD lifecycle, source traceability, author and reviewer records, controlled version, submission approval	The dossier is a structured regulated submission, while the mark is only token-pattern evidence
SOP or controlled procedure	Record drafting assistance	Document owner, change control, impact assessment, quality-unit approval, effective date, training	Approval and effective-state control require organizational records
Training content and record	Identify model-assisted material	Approved curriculum, learner identity, completion, assessment, retraining triggers	A watermark identifies neither the trainee nor completion
Internal analysis	Triage provenance where useful	Intended-use statement, source set, model/version, limitations, reviewer, decision record	Internal use may be outside public labelling but still carries scientific and operational risk
Generated image or audio	Verify C2PA at generation and publishing boundaries	Original file retention, manifest validation result, transformation log, approved final asset	Credential loss can result from ordinary media processing

Part 11 illustrates the missing layer. Closed systems require validation for accuracy, reliability, consistent performance, and the ability to discern altered records (ecfr.gov). They also require accurate and complete copies, record protection through retention, authorized access, and time-stamped audit trails. Electronic signatures must be linked to their records (ecfr.gov). Claude's watermark does none of these things.

EU GMP Annex 11 similarly expects validated applications, qualified information-technology infrastructure, lifecycle risk management, traceable requirements, access control, and periodic evaluation (health.ec.europa.eu (health.ec.europa.eu). ICH Q10 leaves ultimate responsibility for outsourced work with the pharmaceutical company (database.ich.org). A provider signal cannot transfer that responsibility.

Implementation Guidance and Evidence Retention

Policy decisions

An implementable policy should define the watermark as **supplementary provenance evidence** and assign its interpretation to trained roles. The policy should state:

- **Permitted purpose:** triage, provenance enrichment, and monitoring, not proof of misconduct or authorship.
- **Positive-result meaning:** probable Claude generation or processing under a documented detector configuration.
- **Negative-result meaning:** no usable signal detected, not proof of human creation or non-AI origin.
- **Indeterminate state:** insufficient length, unsupported model, heavy transformation, unavailable detector, or score near the decision threshold.

- **Human accountability:** reviewers remain responsible for scientific support, accuracy, balance, privacy, intellectual-property review, and release decisions.
- **Record linkage:** detector output must reference the exact content version, hash, model, route, detector version, threshold, operator, and timestamp.
- **Retention rule:** keep the result only as long as justified by the content class and applicable record schedule.
- **Change control:** revalidate after material model, detector, key, threshold, content-pipeline, or publishing transformations change.

Detector pilot protocol

The pilot must reflect actual deployment. NIST recommends testing before deployment and regularly in operation (airc.nist.gov). Test sets, metrics, and tools should be documented, and performance conditions should resemble deployment (airc.nist.gov).

Use this sequence:

1. **Define intended use.** Specify whether the detector supports inventory, publication review, quality monitoring, or another bounded decision.
2. **Build a content taxonomy.** Include medical, promotional, regulatory, SOP, training, analysis, code, tables, and translations in their real length distribution.
3. **Create known-origin sets.** Generate watermarked samples through each supported model and route. Add human-authored, older-model, other-vendor, and transformed controls.
4. **Preserve ground truth.** Store prompts, outputs, model identifiers, generation timestamps, transformations, hashes, and chain-of-custody records.
5. **Predefine metrics.** Measure sensitivity, specificity, false-positive rate, false-negative rate, abstention rate, and coverage by workflow and transformation.
6. **Predefine thresholds.** Select thresholds from the harm of each error type. NIST assigns humans responsibility for selecting metrics and precise threshold values (airc.nist.gov).
7. **Allow abstention.** Route short, low-entropy, unsupported, or borderline samples to “indeterminate,” not a forced binary label.
8. **Challenge transformations.** Test light edits, heavy edits, extraction, copy and paste, translation in both directions, format conversion, content mixing, and media re-encoding.
9. **Validate evidence capture.** Confirm exact-content linkage, access control, audit trail, retention, export, and reproducibility of the detector call.
10. **Set monitoring triggers.** Repeat tests after model, detector, key, or pipeline changes and on a scheduled cadence.

NIST notes that covert watermark detectors inherently have nonzero false-positive and false-negative probabilities (tsapps.nist.gov). Thus, an acceptance criterion must include both errors. It should also include **coverage**, because a system can appear accurate by abstaining on difficult samples. Selective-classification research defines abstention as withholding predictions on uncertain inputs to improve retained accuracy (arxiv.org).

Data Analysis and Evidence

Public evidence is meaningful but incomplete. The SynthID-Text production study analyzed approximately **20 million** watermarked and unwatermarked Gemini responses (nature.com). Thumbs-up rates differed by **0.01%**, thumbs-down rates by **0.02%**, and both differences were statistically insignificant (nature.com) (nature.com). A controlled preference study used **3,000 ELI5 questions** (nature.com). These results support the claim that this sampling method need not materially degrade broad response quality. They do not validate Claude's detector for pharma content.

The research reports detection outcomes at a fixed **1% false-positive rate** and describes a selective configuration targeting **95% true positives** and **1% false positives** by abstaining on uncertain samples (nature.com). Those are research operating points, not recommended pharma acceptance criteria.

NIST's separate text-detection pilot illustrates why local validation matters. It received **348 valid detector submissions** (nvlpubs.nist.gov). Its second-round set included **430 AI summaries** and **100 human summaries** (nvlpubs.nist.gov) (nvlpubs.nist.gov). NIST expressly excluded factual-versus-nonfactual semantic assessment, so detector performance cannot be interpreted as content accuracy (nvlpubs.nist.gov).

Inventory calculation

Before legal or quality review, count candidate items by a reproducible cross-tabulation:

Review inventory = sum of outputs by workflow × content type × audience × geography × publication channel.

For each cell, record counts for marked, unmarked, indeterminate, C2PA-present, C2PA-missing, transformed, publicly exposed, and controlled-record status. This calculation identifies workload and coverage without inventing a prevalence rate. It also prevents an aggregate detection percentage from hiding weak performance in short factual medical responses or translated material.

Minimum reporting fields should include:

- **Volume:** total items and total text length by cell.
- **Ground truth:** known Claude, known other AI, known human, and mixed origin.
- **Detection:** score distribution, threshold, positive, negative, and indeterminate counts.
- **Errors:** false positives and false negatives against known origin.
- **Coverage:** proportion receiving a determinate result.
- **Transformations:** edit, translation, extraction, reformatting, and re-encoding categories.

- **Control completion:** source verified, human reviewed, approved, signed, and retained.
- **Source support:** cited evidence set, reference version, retrieval date, and verification status.
- **Release context:** audience, geography, channel, editorial owner, and publication state.

No public benchmark establishes Claude-watermark prevalence or validated detector performance for pharmaceutical or regulatory text. The evidence therefore supports a **test-and-monitor** program, not a borrowed universal threshold.

Implications and Future Directions

Three consequences follow for medical-affairs, regulatory-operations, promotional-review, quality, and platform teams.

First, **provider provenance will become one field in a larger evidence model**. NIST says provenance and synthetic-content detection provide information about content origin and history (nvlpubs.nist.gov). It also warns that no single transparency technique is comprehensive by itself (tsapps.nist.gov). Platforms should model provenance, review, approval, and retention as separate linked objects.

Second, **transformation testing becomes a release-control concern**. C2PA guidance notes that legacy or non-C2PA platforms may remove or corrupt embedded manifests (spec.c2pa.org). Pharma teams should test every path from generation through document assembly, digital-asset management, agency handoff, web publishing, and archive.

Third, **governance should remain model- and detector-version aware**. NIST's AI Risk Management Framework treats governance as cross-cutting and calls for an AI-system inventory (airc.nist.gov). The joint FDA and EMA good-AI principles call for validation, mitigation, and oversight proportionate to context and risk (fda.gov). An evergreen policy should therefore reference a maintained support matrix, not hard-code today's Claude model list indefinitely.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Does Claude watermark AI-generated content?

Yes, supported Claude models now generate text with a keyed statistical watermark. Anthropic applies marking at model level across supported surfaces. The answer is not "all Claude text ever produced," because rollout depends on model and date, and older models have a transition period.

Can a Claude watermark prove who wrote a document?

No. Anthropic states that the watermark cannot be traced to a person, organization, or chat (anthropic.com). It also cannot distinguish "Claude wrote this" from "Claude heavily edited this." Identity and approval require controlled account, audit-trail, and signature evidence.

Does a positive result prove the content is accurate?

No. Detection concerns origin patterns, not truth. C2PA likewise avoids substantive value judgments about provenance assertions. Scientific claims still need authoritative sources, context review, and approval.

Does a negative result prove that no AI was used?

No. Short text, factual constraints, editing, translation, mixing, unsupported models, and threshold choice can all yield no detectable signal. A negative or indeterminate result should never be relabelled “human-authored.”

Does Claude watermark regulatory submissions?

Text from a supported model may carry the watermark before assembly into a submission. That does not make an eCTD sequence watermarked as a controlled package, nor does it prove author, source support, review, or submission approval. Anthropic’s current file-credential workflow does not sign text files, PDFs, or office documents.

Are Content Credentials the same as text watermarks?

No. Text watermarking is a probabilistic token pattern. A Content Credential is signed C2PA provenance metadata bound to a supported file. C2PA manifests may be embedded or external (spec.c2pa.org). Each has different survival and interpretation rules.

Does Article 50 require every pharma document to carry a visible AI label?

No. Provider machine-readable marking and deployer visible disclosure are separate duties. The text-deployer rule addresses publication intended to inform the public on matters of public interest, subject to conditions and an exception for substantive human review with editorial responsibility. Other laws and sector rules still apply because Article 50 operates without prejudice to other Union or national transparency obligations (eur-lex.europa.eu).

Can the watermark serve as a Part 11 audit trail or electronic signature?

No. Part 11 audit trails independently record operator actions that create, modify, or delete electronic records (ecfr.gov). Electronic signatures are unique to an individual and linked to the record. A non-identifying statistical pattern performs neither function.

What should a pharma company retain from a detector call?

Retain the exact content or immutable hash, content class, model and route if known, detector and key version if disclosed, score and threshold, result including abstention, timestamp, operator or service identity, transformation history, and linkage to the controlled record. FDA defines data integrity as completeness, consistency, and accuracy and says regulated data should retain associated metadata needed for reconstruction (fda.gov) (fda.gov).

Conclusion

Claude’s 2026 text watermark and C2PA file credentials give pharma organizations useful new provenance signals. Their value is real but bounded. The text watermark estimates likely Claude involvement from a keyed token pattern. C2PA verifies signed provenance data and asset binding when a supported credential survives. Neither proves human identity, authorship, ownership, scientific correctness, balanced communication, approval, or legal responsibility.

The correct policy response is therefore not to accept or reject content on a detector result. It is to add provenance as a structured evidence layer inside existing content controls. Inventory models and workflows, preserve known-origin samples, validate the detector on representative pharma material, define false-positive, false-negative, and abstention handling, and retest material changes. For regulated records, retain source verification, version history, access control, audit trail, named review, approval meaning, signature linkage, and applicable retention.

Article 50 reinforces the separation of roles. Providers mark covered outputs; deployers assess whether visible disclosure applies to a publication. Pharma quality and regulatory systems remain responsible for the record and the decision. A watermark can strengthen traceability when handled carefully, but the audit-ready evidence is the complete controlled history around the content, not the watermark alone.

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