

# Assure DeFi<sup>®</sup>

THE VERIFICATION **GOLD STANDARD**



## Security Assessment

**NovaQ**

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Audit Status: PASS

Audit Edition: Advanced



# Risk Analysis

## Vulnerability summary

Classification	Description
 High	High-level vulnerabilities can result in the loss of assets or manipulation of data.
 Medium	Medium-level vulnerabilities can be challenging to exploit, but they still have a considerable impact on smart contract execution, such as allowing public access to critical functions.
 Low	Low-level vulnerabilities are primarily associated with outdated or unused code snippets that generally do not significantly impact execution, sometimes they can be ignored.
 Informational	Informational vulnerabilities, code style violations, and informational statements do not affect smart contract execution and can typically be disregarded.

## Executive Summary

According to the Assure assessment, the Customer's smart contract is **Secured**.



# Scope

## Target Code And Revision

For this audit, we performed research, investigation, and review of the NovaQ contracts followed by issue reporting, along with mitigation and remediation instructions outlined in this report.

## Target Code And Revision

<b>Project</b>	Assure
<b>Language</b>	Solidity
<b>Codebase</b>	NovaQ.sol: <a href="https://etherscan.io/address/0xf2b733bddd8e12f0b3e15781b319389d499dad6#code">https://etherscan.io/address/0xf2b733bddd8e12f0b3e15781b319389d499dad6#code</a>
<b>Audit Methodology</b>	Static, Manual

# Attacks made to the contract

In order to check for the security of the contract, we tested several attacks in order to make sure that the contract is secure and follows best practices.

Category	Item
Code review & Functional Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compiler warnings.</li><li>• Race conditions and Reentrancy. Cross-function race conditions.</li><li>• Possible delays in data delivery.</li><li>• Oracle calls.</li><li>• Front running.</li><li>• Timestamp dependence.</li><li>• Integer Overflow and Underflow.</li><li>• DoS with Revert.</li><li>• DoS with block gas limit.</li><li>• Methods execution permissions.</li><li>• Economy model.</li><li>• Private user data leaks.</li><li>• Malicious Event log.</li><li>• Scoping and Declarations.</li><li>• Uninitialized storage pointers.</li><li>• Arithmetic accuracy.</li><li>• Design Logic.</li><li>• Cross-function race conditions.</li><li>• Safe Zeppelin module.</li><li>• Fallback function security.</li><li>• Overpowered functions / Owner privileges</li></ul>



# AUDIT OVERVIEW



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No high severity issues were found.



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## **1. Dead Transfer-Tax Branch**

**Issue:** `_transferTax` remains at 0; the if (`_buyCount > 0`) branch always applies 0% tax, so that branch is effectively dead.

**Recommendation:** Either remove the unused `_transferTax` variable and branch or add a bounded setter; document intended behavior in NatSpec.



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## **1. SafeMath Gas Overhead**

**Issue:** Using SafeMath under Solidity 0.8+ duplicates built-in overflow checks, costing extra gas.

**Recommendation:** Remove SafeMath imports; for critical loops, use unchecked {} after verifying safety.

## **2. Zero-Slippage Swap Risk**

**Issue:** Uses `amountOutMin = 0`, allowing MEV bots to extract value via sandwich attacks during automated swaps.

**Recommendation:** Introduce a configurable `slippageTolerance` and compute `amountOutMin` from on-chain price or an oracle; revert if slippage exceeded.



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### **1. Immutable Tax Wallet**

**Issue:** `_taxWallet` is hardcoded to a fixed address and cannot be updated—if its key is lost, fee withdrawals become impossible.

**Recommendation:** Add a restricted mechanism (e.g. time-locked multisig) to update `_taxWallet`, emitting an event when changed.

### **2. Missing Transparency Events**

**Issue:** Critical state changes (limits updates, bot updates, fee/tax swaps) lack dedicated events, hindering off-chain monitoring and transparency.

**Recommendation:** Emit events such as `LimitsChanged`, `BotAdded/BotRemoved`, `FeesUpdated`, and `TokensSwappedForETH` with relevant parameters.

# Technical Findings Summary

## Findings

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	Not Apply	Acknowledged	Partially Fixed	Fixed
<div><div></div>High</div>	0					
<div><div></div>Medium</div>	1					
<div><div></div>Low</div>	2					
<div><div></div>Informational</div>	2					

# Assessment Results

## Score Results

Review	Score
<b>Global Score</b>	<b>85/100</b>
Assure KYC	Not completed
Audit Score	85/100

The Following Score System Has been Added to this page to help understand the value of the audit, the maximum score is 100, however to attain that value the project must pass and provide all the data needed for the assessment. Our Passing Score has been changed to 84 Points for a higher standard, if a project does not attain 85% is an automatic failure. Read our notes and final assessment below. The Global Score is a combination of the evaluations obtained between having or not having KYC and the type of contract audited together with its manual audit.

## Audit PASS

Following our comprehensive security audit of the token contract for the NovaQ project, we inform you that the project has met the necessary security standards.



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