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Report Manifest

Item	Description
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Target	StakeTogether st-v1-contracts

Version History

Version	Date	Description
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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 About Target Contracts

Information	Description
Type	Smart Contract
Language	Solidity
Approach	Semi-automatic and manual verification

The target of this audit is the code repo of the smart contracts ¹ of StakeTogether project, which is an Ethereum staking protocol designed especially for communities. Specifically, it allows users to deposit ETH into staking pools, receiving `stpETH` tokens as collateral. When a pool reaches 32 ETH, a validator is created on the Ethereum 2.0 beacon chain. Daily oracle reports trigger automated actions like restaking rewards or processing withdrawal requests by burning `stpETH` to generate `stwETH` tokens.

The auditing process is iterative. Specifically, we would audit the commits that fix the discovered issues. If there are new issues, we will continue this process. The commit SHA values during the audit are shown in the following table. Our audit report is responsible for the code in the initial version (`Version 1`), as well as new code (in the following versions) to fix issues in the audit report.

Project	Version	Commit Hash
st-v1-contracts	<code>Version 1</code>	<code>9f887b12c195c6396ec0cf377c708b22417a215d</code>
	<code>Version 2</code>	<code>85c0c7112954b25bb1b8e1af7bd1dabcfb84b50a</code>
	<code>Version 3</code>	<code>ce28ea08185b31aca936f38be831aef21112f304</code>

1.2 Disclaimer

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The scope of this audit is limited to the code mentioned in Section 1.1. Unless explicitly specified, the security of the language itself (e.g., the solidity language), the underlying compiling toolchain and the computing infrastructure are out of the scope.

¹<https://github.com/staketgether/st-v1-contracts/>

1.3 Procedure of Auditing

We perform the audit according to the following procedure.

- **Vulnerability Detection** We first scan smart contracts with automatic code analyzers, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) the issues reported by them.
- **Semantic Analysis** We study the business logic of smart contracts and conduct further investigation on the possible vulnerabilities using an automatic fuzzing tool (developed by our research team). We also manually analyze possible attack scenarios with independent auditors to cross-check the result.
- **Recommendation** We provide some useful advice to developers from the perspective of good programming practice, including gas optimization, code style, and etc.

We show the main concrete checkpoints in the following.

1.3.1 Software Security

- * Reentrancy
- * DoS
- * Access control
- * Data handling and data flow
- * Exception handling
- * Untrusted external call and control flow
- * Initialization consistency
- * Events operation
- * Error-prone randomness
- * Improper use of the proxy system

1.3.2 DeFi Security

- * Semantic consistency
- * Functionality consistency
- * Permission management
- * Business logic
- * Token operation
- * Emergency mechanism
- * Oracle security
- * Whitelist and blacklist
- * Economic impact
- * Batch transfer

1.3.3 NFT Security

- * Duplicated item
- * Verification of the token receiver
- * Off-chain metadata security

1.3.4 Additional Recommendation

- * Gas optimization
- * Code quality and style



Note The previous checkpoints are the main ones. We may use more checkpoints during the auditing process according to the functionality of the project.

1.4 Security Model

To evaluate the risk, we follow the standards or suggestions that are widely adopted by both industry and academy, including OWASP Risk Rating Methodology ² and Common Weakness Enumeration ³. The overall *severity* of the risk is determined by *likelihood* and *impact*. Specifically, likelihood is used to estimate how likely a particular vulnerability can be uncovered and exploited by an attacker, while impact is used to measure the consequences of a successful exploit.

In this report, both likelihood and impact are categorized into two ratings, i.e., *high* and *low* respectively, and their combinations are shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Vulnerability Severity Classification

Impact	High	High	Medium
	Low	Medium	Low
		High	Low
		Likelihood	

Accordingly, the severity measured in this report are classified into three categories: **High**, **Medium**, **Low**. For the sake of completeness, **Undetermined** is also used to cover circumstances when the risk cannot be well determined.

Furthermore, the status of a discovered item will fall into one of the following four categories:

- **Undetermined** No response yet.
- **Acknowledged** The item has been received by the client, but not confirmed yet.
- **Confirmed** The item has been recognized by the client, but not fixed yet.
- **Fixed** The item has been confirmed and fixed by the client.

²https://owasp.org/www-community/OWASP_Risk_Rating_Methodology

³<https://cwe.mitre.org/>

Chapter 2 Findings

In total, we find **six** potential issues. Besides, we also have **two** recommendations and **four** notes.

- Medium Risk: 1
- Low Risk: 5
- Recommendation: 2
- Note: 4

ID	Severity	Description	Category	Status
1	Low	Deposit revert for the first depositor	Software Security	Fixed
2	Medium	Potential DoS attack when executing the report	DeFi Security	Fixed
3	Low	Lack of existence check when adding validators	DeFi Security	Fixed
4	Low	Ineffective check due to incorrect initialization	DeFi Security	Fixed
5	Low	Lack of existence check when blacklisting the reportOracles	DeFi Security	Fixed
6	Low	Potential DoS attack in the consensus process	DeFi Security	Fixed
7	-	Add sanity checks for function parameters	Recommendation	Fixed
8	-	Remove duplicate checks	Recommendation	Fixed
9	-	Centralization risk	Note	-
10	-	Ensure the correctness of the configuration	Note	-
11	-	Risk of insufficient report oracles	Note	-
12	-	Potential off-chain risks	Note	-

The details are provided in the following sections.

2.1 Software Security

2.1.1 Deposit revert for the first depositor

Severity Low

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description To avoid inflation attacks, the [StakeTogether](#) contract creates dead shares (1e18) upon initialization. However, the contract balance remains zero. For the first call to the [_depositBase](#) function, the [_processStakeEntry](#) function is invoked to calculate shares based on the provided formula: $\frac{\text{totalShares}}{(\text{totalSupply}() - \text{amount})}$. This formula uses a denominator that will be zero for the first depositor, resulting in a [divisionError](#) error.

```
346 function _depositBase(address _to, DepositType _depositType, address _referral) private {
347     require(config.feature.Deposit, 'FD'); // FD = Feature Disabled
348     require(msg.value >= config.minDepositAmount, 'MD'); // MD = Min Deposit
349
350     _resetLimits();
351
352     if (msg.value + totalDeposited > config.depositLimit) {
353         emit DepositLimitReached(_to, msg.value);
```

```
354     revert('DLR');
355 }
356
357 _processStakeEntry(_to, msg.value);
358
359 totalDeposited += msg.value;
360 emit DepositBase(_to, msg.value, _depositType, _referral);
361 }
```

Listing 2.1: StakeTogether.sol

```
710 function _processStakeEntry(address _to, uint256 _amount) private {
711     uint256 sharesAmount = MathUpgradeable.mulDiv(_amount, totalShares, totalSupply() - _amount
712 );
713     _distributeFees(FeeType.StakeEntry, sharesAmount, _to);
714 }
```

Listing 2.2: StakeTogether.sol

Impact The first deposit will revert with `divisionError`.

Suggestion Enforce an increase of the `totalSupply` value before enabling deposits.

2.2 DeFi Security

2.2.1 Potential DoS attack when executing the report

Severity Medium

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description In the `Router` contract, any oracle can execute a valid and executable report via the `executeReport` function. This function initially checks the report's validity by invoking the `isReadyToExecute` function. Within `isReadyToExecute`, there is a restriction on Line 362 that requires the `beaconBalance` in the `StakeTogether` contract to be greater than or equal to the sum of `lossAmount` and `withdrawRefundAmount` specified in the report.

```
354 function isReadyToExecute(Report calldata _report) public view returns (bytes32) {
355     bytes32 hash = keccak256(abi.encode(_report));
356     require(!revokedReports[_report.epoch], 'REVOKED_REPORT');
357     require(!executedReports[_report.epoch][hash], 'REPORT_ALREADY_EXECUTED');
358     require(consensusReport[_report.epoch] == hash, 'REPORT_NOT_CONSENSUS');
359     require(totalOracles >= config.minOracleQuorum, 'MIN_ORACLE_QUORUM_NOT_REACHED');
360     require(block.number >= reportDelayBlocks[hash] + config.reportDelayBlocks, '
361         TOO_EARLY_TO_EXECUTE');
362     require(
363         _report.lossAmount + _report.withdrawRefundAmount <= stakeTogether.beaconBalance(),
364         'NOT_ENOUGH_BEACON_BALANCE'
365     );
366     require(
367         address(this).balance >=
368         (_report.profitAmount +
```



```
368         _report.withdrawAmount +
369         _report.withdrawRefundAmount +
370         _report.routerExtraAmount),
371         'NOT_ENOUGH_ETH'
372     );
373     return hash;
374 }
```

Listing 2.3: Router.sol

However, the `beaconBalance` can be manipulated within the `withdrawValidator` function.

```
420 function withdrawValidator(
421     uint256 _amount,
422     Delegation[] memory _delegations
423 ) external nonReentrant whenNotPaused {
424     require(config.feature.WithdrawValidator, 'FD'); // FD = Feature Disabled
425     require(_amount <= beaconBalance, 'IB'); // IB = Insufficient Balance
426     _withdrawBase(_amount, WithdrawType.Validator);
427     _updateDelegations(msg.sender, _delegations);
428     _setBeaconBalance(beaconBalance - _amount);
429     withdrawals.mint(msg.sender, _amount);
430 }
```

Listing 2.4: StakeTogether.sol

For example, an attacker could front-run the `executeReport` transaction of the `reportOracle`. They could first deposit into the `StakeTogether` contract and then withdraw all funds via the `withdrawValidator` function, thereby reducing the `beaconBalance`. Consequently, the `executeReport` transaction would revert with the `NOT_ENOUGH_BEACON_BALANCE` error in the `isReadyToExecute` function.

Impact The execution of a report approved by consensus may be blocked.

Suggestion Prevent manipulation of the `beaconBalance` within the `StakeTogether` contract.

2.2.2 Lack of existence check when adding validators

Severity Low

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description In the `StakeTogether` contract, the role identified by `VALIDATOR_ORACLE_MANAGER_ROLE` can add or remove instances of `validatorOracle` using the `addValidatorOracle` and `removeValidatorOracle` functions, respectively. New `validatorOracles` are appended to the `validatorsOracle` array, and their corresponding indices are recorded in `validatorsOracleIndices`.

It's crucial to highlight that the `addValidatorOracle` function does not verify the existence of the `validatorOracle` being added. As a result, if a duplicate `ValidatorOracle` is added, the original one cannot be removed from the `validatorsOracle` array, because the `removeValidatorOracle` function will have already deleted the associated index.

```
503 function addValidatorOracle(address _account) external onlyRole(VALIDATOR_ORACLE_MANAGER_ROLE)
504 {
    _grantRole(VALIDATOR_ORACLE_ROLE, _account);
```

```
505     validatorsOracle.push(_account);
506     validatorsOracleIndices[_account] = validatorsOracle.length;
507     emit AddValidatorOracle(_account);
508 }
```

Listing 2.5: StakeTogether.sol

```
512 function removeValidatorOracle(address _account) external onlyRole(
    VALIDATOR_ORACLE_MANAGER_ROLE) {
513     require(validatorsOracleIndices[_account] > 0, 'NF');
514
515     uint256 index = validatorsOracleIndices[_account] - 1;
516
517     if (index < validatorsOracle.length - 1) {
518         address lastAddress = validatorsOracle[validatorsOracle.length - 1];
519         validatorsOracle[index] = lastAddress;
520         validatorsOracleIndices[lastAddress] = index + 1;
521     }
522
523     validatorsOracle.pop();
524
525     delete validatorsOracleIndices[_account];
526     _revokeRole(VALIDATOR_ORACLE_ROLE, _account);
527     emit RemoveValidatorOracle(_account);
528 }
```

Listing 2.6: StakeTogether.sol

Impact Duplicates of `ValidatorOracle` added cannot be removed.

Suggestion Check the existence in the `addValidatorOracle` function.

2.2.3 Ineffective check due to incorrect initialization

Severity Low

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description The state variable `nextReportBlock` in the `Router` contract is used for comparing with `block.number` and incrementing `config.reportFrequency` after a report submission. However, it is assigned a value of 1 in the `initialize` function, a value that is significantly lower than the current `block.number`.

```
69 function initialize(address _airdrop, address _withdrawals) external initializer {
70     __Pausable_init();
71     __AccessControl_init();
72     __UUPSUpgradeable_init();
73
74     _grantRole(DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE, msg.sender);
75     _grantRole(ADMIN_ROLE, msg.sender);
76     _grantRole(UPGRADER_ROLE, msg.sender);
77     _grantRole(ORACLE_REPORT_MANAGER_ROLE, msg.sender);
78
79     version = 1;
```

```
80
81     airdrop = Airdrop(payable(_airdrop));
82     withdrawals = Withdrawals(payable(_withdrawals));
83
84     totalOracles = 0;
85     nextReportBlock = 1;
86     lastConsensusEpoch = 0;
87     lastExecutedEpoch = 0;
88 }
```

Listing 2.7: Router.sol

It's important to note that the increment here is significantly smaller than the `block.number`.

```
241 function submitReport(
242     uint256 _epoch,
243     Report calldata _report
244 ) external nonReentrant whenNotPaused activeReportOracle {
245     bytes32 hash = isReadyToSubmit(_epoch, _report);
246
247     if (block.number >= nextReportBlock + config.reportFrequency) {
248         nextReportBlock += config.reportFrequency;
249         emit SkipNextReportFrequency(_epoch, nextReportBlock);
250     }
251
252     reports[_epoch][hash].push(msg.sender);
253     reportVotes[_epoch][hash]++;
254     oracleVotes[_epoch][msg.sender] = true;
255
256     if (consensusReport[_epoch] == bytes32(0)) {
257         if (reportVotes[_epoch][hash] >= config.oracleQuorum) {
258             consensusReport[_epoch] = hash;
259             lastConsensusEpoch = _report.epoch;
260             reportDelayBlocks[hash] = block.number;
261             emit ConsensusApprove(_report, hash);
262         } else {
263             emit ConsensusNotReached(_report, hash);
264         }
265     }
266
267     emit SubmitReport(_report, hash);
268 }
```

Listing 2.8: Router.sol

As a result, the check for the verification for `nextReportBlock` on Line 342 will always succeed.

```
340 function isReadyToSubmit(uint256 _epoch, Report calldata _report) public view returns (bytes32) {
341     bytes32 hash = keccak256(abi.encode(_report));
342     require(block.number > nextReportBlock, 'BLOCK_NUMBER_NOT_REACHED');
343     require(totalOracles >= config.minOracleQuorum, 'MIN_ORACLE_QUORUM_NOT_REACHED');
344     require(_report.epoch > lastConsensusEpoch, 'EPOCH_NOT_GREATER_THAN_LAST_CONSENSUS');
345     require(!executedReports[_report.epoch][hash], 'REPORT_ALREADY_EXECUTED');
346     require(!oracleVotes[_epoch][msg.sender], 'ORACLE_ALREADY_VOTED');
```

```
347     return hash;
348 }
```

Listing 2.9: Router.sol

Impact N/A

Suggestion Revise the logic accordingly.

2.2.4 Lack of existence check when blacklisting the `reportOracles`

Severity Low

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description The `blacklistReportOracle` function in the `Router` contract is used to blacklist a `reportOracle`. However, this function neither verifies the existence of the `reportOracle` nor checks if it's already blacklisted. Furthermore, the function decreases the `totalOracle` count subsequently. Thus, blacklisting an invalid `reportOracle` could potentially lead to an inconsistent `totalOracle` count.

```
69 function blacklistReportOracle(address _oracle) external onlyRole(ORACLE_SENTINEL_ROLE) {
70     oraclesBlacklist[_oracle] = true;
71     if (totalOracles > 0) {
72         totalOracles--;
73     }
74     emit BlacklistReportOracle(_oracle);
75 }
```

Listing 2.10: Router.sol

Impact N/A

Suggestion Check the existence in the `blacklistReportOracle` function.

2.2.5 Potential DoS attack in the consensus process

Severity Low

Status Fixed in [Version 3](#)

Introduced by [Version 2](#)

Description The `reportBlock` in the `Router` contract is used to record the starting block of the current consensus process. The `submitReport` function allows report oracles to submit reports after the `reportBlock` and proceeds to the next `reportBlock` if consensus fails.

The condition in the `submitReport` function (on Line 252) compares the count of unvoted report oracles with the votes required for any submitted report. However, this may introduce a level of unfairness, as the more votes a report received, the fewer votes it requires. A malicious report oracle could exploit this by submitting a fraudulent report to disrupt the consensus when a legitimate report is on the verge of reaching the `oracleQuorum`.

For example, assume a scenario where `totalReportOracles` is 9, `oracleQuorum` is 6, and a valid report `R1` in the current `reportBlock` has received votes from 5 report oracles. A malicious oracle can

submit a fake report [R2](#), as the `remainingOracles` is 4 ($totalReportOracles - totalVotes = 9 - 5 = 4$) and the votes needed is 5 ($oracleQuorum - reportVotesForBlock = 6 - 1 = 5$), resulting in a failed consensus and the `reportBlock` being forcibly updated. Consequently, the valid report [R1](#) would be compromised.

```
232 function submitReport(Report calldata _report) external nonReentrant whenNotPaused
    activeReportOracle {
233     bytes32 hash = isReadyToSubmit(_report);
234
235     reports[reportBlock][hash].push(msg.sender);
236     reportForBlock[reportBlock][msg.sender] = true;
237     reportVotesForBlock[reportBlock][hash]++;
238     totalVotes[reportBlock]++;
239
240     if (consensusReport[reportBlock] == bytes32(0)) {
241         if (totalVotes[reportBlock] >= config.oracleQuorum) {
242             if (reportVotesForBlock[reportBlock][hash] >= config.oracleQuorum) {
243                 consensusReport[reportBlock] = hash;
244                 lastConsensusBlock = reportBlock;
245                 reportDelayBlock[reportBlock] = block.number;
246                 pendingExecution = true;
247                 emit ConsensusApprove(reportBlock, _report, hash);
248             }
249         }
250
251         uint remainingOracles = totalReportOracles - totalVotes[reportBlock];
252         if ((config.oracleQuorum - reportVotesForBlock[reportBlock][hash]) > remainingOracles) {
253             emit ConsensusFail(reportBlock, _report, hash);
254             _advanceNextReportBlock();
255         }
256     }
257
258     emit SubmitReport(_report, hash);
259 }
```

Listing 2.11: Router.sol

Impact Undermine the fairness of the consensus process.

Suggestion Fix the conditions leading to consensus failure, or promptly blacklist malicious report oracles.

2.3 Additional Recommendation

2.3.1 Add sanity checks for function parameters

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description For example, in the [StakeTogether](#) contract, verify that the `_address` is not zero within the `setFeeAddress` function.

```
632     function setFeeAddress(FeeRole _role, address payable _address) external onlyRole(ADMIN_ROLE)
        {
633         feesRole[_role] = _address;
634         emit SetFeeAddress(_role, _address);
635     }
```

Listing 2.12: StakeTogether.sol

Impact N/A

Suggestion Add sanity checks to avoid unexpected behaviors.

2.3.2 Remove duplicate checks

Status Fixed in [Version 2](#)

Introduced by [Version 1](#)

Description In the [Router](#) contract, the second condition (i.e., `!isReportOracleBlackListed(msg.sender)`) in the `activateReportOracle` modifier is redundant as it's already checked in the first condition (i.e., `isReportOracle(msg.sender)`).

```
145     modifier activeReportOracle() {
146         require(isReportOracle(msg.sender) && !isReportOracleBlackListed(msg.sender), '
            ONLY_ACTIVE_ORACLE');
147     };
148 }
```

Listing 2.13: Router.sol

Impact N/A

Suggestion Remove duplicate checks.

2.4 Note

2.4.1 Centralization risk

Description Several privileged functions exist within the [StakeTogether](#) protocol that possess the ability to modify the protocol's state. This introduces a centralization risk, as these privileged accounts can influence the functionality and security of the protocol. Here are a few examples:

- The [DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE](#) has the authority to grant other roles within the protocol.
- The [ADMIN_ROLE](#) is responsible for modifying relationships between different contracts, such as the `setStakeTogether` function.
- The [UPGRADER_ROLE](#) facilitates the upgrade of the implementation contract using the UUPS proxy pattern.

Specifically, take the [StakeTogether](#) and [Router](#) contracts as examples.

- In the [StakeTogether](#) contract:
 - The [ADMIN_ROLE](#) has the following privileges
 - 1) Modify the configuration settings through the `setConfig` function.

- 2) Change the fee addresses for any `feeRole` using the `setFeeAddress` function.
- 3) Config the fee ratio and its distributions through the `setFee` function.
- The `POOL_MANAGER_ROLE` has the privilege to remove a pool by its address using the `removePool` function.
- The `VALIDATOR_ORACLE_MANAGER_ROLE` has the privilege to add or remove a validator oracle through the `addValidatorOracle` and `removeValidatorOracle` functions.
- In the `Router` contract:
 - The `ADMIN_ROLE` has the following privileges:
 - 1) Grant/Revoke an `ORACLE_SENTINEL_ROLE` using the `addSentinel/removeSentinel` functions.
 - 2) Update the `lastConsensusEpoch` through the `setLastConsensusEpoch` function.
 - The `ORACLE_SENTINEL_ROLE` can:
 - 1) Revoke a consensus-approved report by utilizing the `revokeConsensusReport` function.
 - 2) Blacklist/Unblacklist a report oracle through the `blacklistReportOracle/unBlacklistReportOracle` functions.
 - The `ORACLE_REPORT_MANAGER_ROLE` can add or remove a report oracle via the `addReportOracle` and `removeReportOracle` functions.

Feedback from the Project In this case I will update to `DEFAULT_ADMIN_ROLE` for 1 wallet. And this wallet will be on a multisig with time lock actions. This wallet will be responsible for allowing other roles. All actions will have time lock actions with OpenZeppelin Defender.

2.4.2 Ensure the correctness of the configuration

Description Several crucial configuration parameters in the `StakeTogether` and `Router` contracts have been manually set without sufficient constraints. It's important to handle these configurations with care, implementing appropriate validation and security measures to ensure safe operation of the system.

2.4.3 Risk of insufficient report oracles

Description In the `Router` contract, the report oracle plays a vital role in submitting and voting for reports. Once the votes exceed the threshold defined in `config.oracleQuorum`, the submitted report becomes executable at a later date.

The `ORACLE_REPORT_MANAGER_ROLE` can add or remove a report oracle and synchronously update the `_updateQuorum`. Specifically, if the count of active report oracles is insufficient, the `_updateQuorum` function adjusts the `oracleQuorum` to match the `minOracleQuorum` stored in the config. However, this adjustment poses a potential risk. If a submitted report fails to gather the necessary votes for consensus, it could result in asset lockup.

2.4.4 Potential off-chain risks

Description Some features in the `StakeTogether` contract, such as referral and delegations, are implemented off-chain and might affect the airdrop distribution program. Since off-chain logic isn't covered by this audit, its design and correctness can't be guaranteed, which consequently poses some potential risks.

For example, the `_referral` parameter in the `_depositBase` function is used to incentivize users to encourage others to stake. However, `_referral` isn't necessarily different from the depositor themselves,

and it's unclear whether the backend service will filter out duplicate events. This introduces a potential risk: a malicious user might inflate their airdrop rewards shares by repeatedly depositing on their own behalf and then immediately withdrawing, thus emitting duplicate events.

```
346 function _depositBase(address _to, DepositType _depositType, address _referral) private {
347     require(config.feature.Deposit, 'FD'); // FD = Feature Disabled
348     require(msg.value >= config.minDepositAmount, 'MD'); // MD = Min Deposit
349
350     _resetLimits();
351
352     if (msg.value + totalDeposited > config.depositLimit) {
353         emit DepositLimitReached(_to, msg.value);
354         revert('DLR');
355     }
356
357     _processStakeEntry(_to, msg.value);
358
359     totalDeposited += msg.value;
360     emit DepositBase(_to, msg.value, _depositType, _referral);
361 }
```

Listing 2.14: StakeTogether.sol

Moreover, the `_validateDelegations` function in the `StakeTogether` contract only verifies the delegations provided by users when their shares are non-zero. However, the `_updateDelegations` function always emits an `UpdateDelegations` event subsequently. This introduces a potential vulnerability: a rogue user could zero out their shares first, bypass the `_validateDelegations` function, and emit an invalid event, such as delegating 10000e18 (10,000%) to a pool.

```
477 function _updateDelegations(address _account, Delegation[] memory _delegations) private {
478     _validateDelegations(_account, _delegations);
479     emit UpdateDelegations(_account, _delegations);
480 }
```

Listing 2.15: StakeTogether.sol

```
485 function _validateDelegations(address _account, Delegation[] memory _delegations) private view
486 {
487     if (shares[_account] > 0) {
488         require(_delegations.length <= config.maxDelegations, 'MD'); // MD = Max Delegations
489         uint256 delegationShares = 0;
490         for (uint i = 0; i < _delegations.length; i++) {
491             require(pools[_delegations[i].pool], 'PNF'); // PNF = Pool Not Found
492             delegationShares += _delegations[i].percentage;
493         }
494         require(delegationShares == 1 ether, 'IPS'); // IPS = Invalid Percentage Sum
495     }
496 }
```

Listing 2.16: StakeTogether.sol

Feedback from the Project I believe items 2.15 and 2.16 were already fixed in version 3; this behavior can't occur because of the nature of our product.