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If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

$$a + b + c + \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca} \geq \frac{10}{3}$$

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$$abc = 1 \text{ then } a + b + c \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} = 3$$

We need to show:

$$a + b + c + \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca} \geq \frac{10}{3}$$

$$a + b + c + \frac{1}{(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{10}{3}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{x^2} \stackrel{x=a+b+c \geq 3}{\geq} \frac{10}{3}$$
$$3x^3 - 10x^2 + 9 \geq 0$$

$$(x - 3)(3x^2 - x - 3) \geq 0 \text{ true as } x \geq 3$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$.