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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1 + \sin A}{\cos A} + \frac{1 + \sin B}{\cos B} + \frac{1 + \sin C}{\cos C} \geq 6 + 3\sqrt{3}$$

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$$f: \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\cos x} + \tan x$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x}, f''(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x + 2\sin x + 1}{\cos^2 x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

f – convexe. By Jensen's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 + \sin A}{\cos A} &= \sum_{cyc} f(A) \geq 3f\left(\frac{A + B + C}{3}\right) = 3f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \\ &= 3 \cdot \frac{1 + \sin \frac{\pi}{3}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{3}} = 3 \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6 + 3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.