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How to maintain trustworthiness when doctors act as policy advocates

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I hope you will find the comments useful and thank you for your continued time and effort on this paper,

Best wishes,
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