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If $a, b, c > 0$, then:

$$(a + b + c) \left(\frac{1}{2a + 3b} + \frac{1}{2b + 3c} + \frac{1}{2c + 3a} \right) + \frac{\sqrt[4]{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})}}{\sqrt[3]{(1+\sqrt{ab})(1+\sqrt{bc})(1+\sqrt{ca})}} \geq \frac{14}{5}$$

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By CBS inequality, we have

$$(a + b + c) \left(\frac{1}{2a + 3b} + \frac{1}{2b + 3c} + \frac{1}{2c + 3a} \right) \geq \frac{(a + b + c) \cdot 3^2}{(2a + 3b) + (2b + 3c) + (2c + 3a)} = \frac{9}{5}$$

So it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})} &\geq \sqrt[3]{(1+\sqrt{ab})(1+\sqrt{bc})(1+\sqrt{ca})} \\ \Leftrightarrow 3 \left(\sum_{cyc} \ln(1+a) + \ln(1+\sqrt[3]{abc}) \right) &\geq 4 \sum_{cyc} \ln(1+\sqrt{ab}) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Let $a = e^x, b = e^y, c = e^z, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, and let $f(t) = \ln(1 + e^t), t \in \mathbb{R}$. We have

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 3(f(x) + f(y) + f(z)) + 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \geq 4\left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)\right].$$

We have

$f''(t) = \frac{e^t}{(1+e^t)^2} > 0$, so f is convex, and by Popoviciu and Jensen inequalities, we get

$$f(x) + f(y) + f(z) + 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \geq 2\left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)\right]$$

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right), \quad f(y) + f(z) \geq 2f\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right), \quad f(z) + f(x) \geq 2f\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right).$$

Adding these inequalities yields the desired inequality (1). So the proof is complete.

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.