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

$$\frac{81abc}{(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^3} + 14 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) \geq 24$$

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Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say)

yielding $2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a = s \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$

$\therefore abc = r^2 s \rightarrow (2)$ and such substitutions $\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} ab = \sum_{cyc} (s-x)(s-y)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} ab = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3) \therefore \frac{81abc}{(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^3} + 14 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right)$

$\stackrel{\text{CBS and via (2)}}{\geq} \frac{81r^2 s}{\left(\sqrt{3(\sum_{cyc} ab)} \right)^3} + 14 \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-x}{x} \stackrel{\text{via (3)}}{=} \frac{81r^2 s}{3(4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sqrt{3(4Rr + r^2)}}$

$+ 14 \left(\frac{s \sum_{cyc} xy}{xyz} - 3 \right) \geq \frac{81r^2 s}{3(4Rr + r^2) \cdot s} + 14 \left(\frac{s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rs} - 3 \right)$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} \because s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 = s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 + 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen and Euler}}{\geq} 0 \\ \Rightarrow 3(4Rr + r^2) \leq s^2 \end{array} \right)$

$= \frac{27r}{4R+r} + \frac{7(s^2 - 8Rr + r^2)}{2Rr} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 24 \Leftrightarrow \frac{7(4R+r)(s^2 - 8Rr + r^2) + 54Rr^2}{2Rr(4R+r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 24$

$\Leftrightarrow (28R + 7r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(416R^2 + 22Rr - 7r^2)$

Now, $(28R + 7r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (28R + 7r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(416R^2 + 22Rr - 7r^2)$

$\Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 25Rr - 14r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(16R + 7r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is true $\therefore \frac{81abc}{(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^3} + 14 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) \geq 24$

$\forall a, b, c > 0, "="$ iff $a = b = c$ (QED)

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Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By AM – GM and CBS inequality, we have

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^3}{a(b+c) + b(c+a) + c(a+b)} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)}.$$

Using these inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{81abc}{(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^3} + 14 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) \\ & \geq \frac{27abc}{(ab+bc+ca)(a+b+c)} + \frac{7(a+b+c)^2}{ab+bc+ca} \\ & = \frac{27abc + 7(a+b+c)^3}{(ab+bc+ca)(a+b+c)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 7(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 3ab(a+b) + 3bc(b+c) + 3ca(c+a) + 3abc,$$

which is true by AM – GM inequality :

$$ab(a+b) \leq (a^2 + b^2 - ab)(a+b) = a^3 + b^3 \text{ (and analogs) and } 3abc \leq a^3 + b^3 + c^3.$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.