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If $x, y > 0$ then:

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{2}{x+y} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt{xy}}$$

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Multiplying by \sqrt{xy} , the inequality is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{y}} + \frac{2\sqrt{xy}}{x+y} &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{y(x+y) + x(x+y) + 2xy}{\sqrt{xy}(x+y)} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x+y)^2 + 2xy \geq 3\sqrt{xy}(x+y) \end{aligned}$$

Making the substitution $s = x + y$ and $p = \sqrt{xy}$, with $s \geq 2p$ (from AM-GM), we have

$$s^2 + 2p^2 - 3ps = s^2 - ps + 2p^2 - 2ps = s(s-p) + 2p(p-s) = (s-p)(s-2p) \geq 0$$

which is always true.

Equality holds if and only if $x = y$.