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If $a = \min\{a, b, c\}$, then in acute ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$2 \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) \geq \frac{R}{r} + \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{b+c}{a} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{R}{r} = \frac{abcs}{4F^2} = \frac{2abc}{(b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (b+c)(a+b-c) \cdot (b+c-a)(c+a-b) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a^2bc \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (b+c)(a+b-c) \cdot (b+c-a)(c+a-b) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a^2bc \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (ab + b^2 - bc + ca + bc - c^2)(bc + ab - b^2 + c^2 + ca - bc - ca - a^2 + ab) \\
 &\quad \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a^2bc \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 2a^2b^2 + 2a^2bc + 2ab(b^2 - c^2) - (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)(ab + ac + b^2 - c^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a^2bc \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 2a^2b^2 - (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)(ab + ac) + 2ab(b^2 - c^2) - 2ab(b^2 - c^2) \cdot \cos C \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 2a^2b^2 - a^2(ab + ac) - (b^2 - c^2)(ab + ac) + 2ab(b^2 - c^2) \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow a^2(2b^2 - ab - ac) - (b^2 - c^2)(ab + ac) + (b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - (a - b)^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow a^2(2b^2 - ab - ac) + (b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - a^2 - b^2 + 2ab - ab - ac) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow ((a^2 - b^2 + c^2) + (b^2 - c^2))(2b^2 - ab - ac) \\
 &\quad \quad + (b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - a^2 - b^2 + ab - ac) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (c^2 + a^2 - b^2)(2b^2 - ab - ac) + (b^2 - c^2)(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2ac) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (b^2 - c^2)(b^2 + c^2 - 2ac) - (b^2 - c^2)(2b^2 - ab - ac) + a^2(2b^2 - ab - ac) \\
 &\quad - a^2(b^2 - c^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (b^2 - c^2)((c^2 - ca) - (b^2 - ab)) + a^2((c^2 - ca) + (b^2 - ab)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow (c^2 - ca)(b^2 - c^2 + a^2) + (b^2 - ab)(a^2 + c^2 - b^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow c(c - a)(a^2 + b^2 - c^2) + b(b - a)(c^2 + a^2 - b^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 \because \Delta ABC \text{ being acute} &\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 - c^2), (c^2 + a^2 - b^2) > 0 \text{ and } a = \min\{a, b, c\} \\
 \Rightarrow (c - a), (b - a) &\geq 0 \therefore \frac{R}{r} + \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a} \leq \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{ca+ab}{bc} = \frac{b}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} \\
 &= \frac{c^2 + a^2}{ca} + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\leq} \frac{4Rm_b}{2Rh_b} + \frac{4Rm_c}{2Rh_c} = 2 \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) \\
 \therefore 2 \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \right) &\geq \frac{R}{r} + \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a} \text{ in acute } \Delta ABC \text{ with } a = \min\{a, b, c\} \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$