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In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\prod \cos A} + 128 \prod \sin \frac{A}{2} \geq 24$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\prod \cos A} + 128 \prod \sin \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{4R^2}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2} + 128 \frac{r}{4R} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{4R^2}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - (2R + r)^2} + 128 \frac{r}{4R} = \frac{4R^2}{2r^2} + 32 \frac{r}{R} = \frac{2R^2}{r^2} + \frac{32r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{2R^2}{r^2} + \frac{32r}{R} \geq 24 \text{ or } 2x^2 + \frac{16}{x} \stackrel{\frac{R}{r}=x \geq 2}{\geq} 12 \text{ or}$$

$$x^3 - 12x + 16 \geq 0 \text{ or } (x - 2)^2(x + 4) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.