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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\prod \left(\frac{8}{h_a^2} + \frac{1}{h_a h_b} \right) \leq \frac{1}{r^6}$$

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$$\text{Let } \frac{r}{h_a} = x, \frac{r}{h_b} = y, \frac{r}{h_c} = z \text{ then } x + y + z = r \sum \frac{1}{h_a} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } xyz \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{x + y + z}{3} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{27} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (8x + y)(8y + z)(8z + x) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{8x + y + 8y + z + 8z + x}{3} \right)^3 = \\ &= 27(x + y + z) = 27(\text{using (1)}) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\prod \left(\frac{8}{h_a^2} + \frac{1}{h_a h_b} \right) = \prod \left(\frac{8x^2}{r^2} + \frac{xy}{r^2} \right) = \frac{xyz}{r^6} (8x + y)(8y + z)(8z + x) \stackrel{(2)\&(3)}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{r^6} \cdot \frac{27 \cdot 1}{27} = \frac{1}{r^6}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.