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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$3(ab + bc + ca) \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 36Rr$$

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$$ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$$

We must prove that:

$$3(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \geq 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 36Rr$$

$$3s^2 + 3r^2 + 12Rr \geq 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr + 36Rr$$

$$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$$

which is Gerretsen's inequality.

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.