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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \leq \frac{2}{3} \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

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$$\sum \frac{1}{\sin A} = 2R \sum \frac{1}{a} = \frac{2R(ab + bc + ca)}{2rs} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2rs} \text{ and}$$
$$\frac{2}{3} \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{2s}{3r}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{2s}{3r} \geq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2rs} \text{ or } 4s^2 \geq 3s^2 + 3r^2 + 12Rr$$
$$\text{or } s^2 \geq 3r^2 + 12Rr \text{ or } 16Rr - 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 12Rr + 3r^2$$

or $R \geq 2r$ (Euler)