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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$h_a \left(\sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) + h_b \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) + h_c \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 12\sqrt{3}r$$

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$$a \leq b \leq c \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{1}{c} \rightarrow \frac{2F}{a} \geq \frac{2F}{b} \geq \frac{2F}{c} \rightarrow h_a \geq h_b \geq h_c$$

$$a \leq b \leq c \rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} \geq \cos \frac{B}{2} \geq \cos \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sec \frac{A}{2} \leq \sec \frac{B}{2} \leq \sec \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \leq \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \\ \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \leq \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \\ \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} \leq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \end{cases} \rightarrow$$

$$\sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} h_a \left(\sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{CEBYSHEV}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} h_a \cdot \sum_{cyc} \left(\sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2F}{a} \cdot 2 \sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{JENSEN}{\geq} \frac{4F}{3} \cdot \frac{ab+bc+ca}{abc} \cdot 3 \sec \left(\frac{A+B+C}{6} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{4F}{3} \cdot \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4Rr} \cdot 3 \sec \frac{\pi}{6} \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\geq} \frac{1}{R \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{6}} \cdot (16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}R} \cdot (20Rr - 4r^2) \geq 12\sqrt{3}r \Leftrightarrow 40Rr - 8r^2 \geq 36Rr \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4Rr \geq 8r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (EULER)}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.