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

$$bc\sqrt{\cos A} + ca\sqrt{\cos B} + ab\sqrt{\cos C} > \frac{4}{3}R^2$$

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For acute triangle $\sqrt{\cos A} > \cos A$,
therefore, $\sum \sqrt{\cos A} > \sum \cos A = 1 + \frac{r}{R} > 1$ (1)
We know that for acute triangle $s > 2R + r$ (2)

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{since, } \cos A \cos B \cos C = \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2}, \\ \text{for acute triangle } \cos A \cos B \cos C > 0 \text{ then } \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} > 0 \text{ or } s > 2R + r \end{array} \right)$$

$$ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr > s^2 \stackrel{(2)}{>} (2R + r)^2 > (2R)^2 = 4R^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & bc\sqrt{\cos A} + ca\sqrt{\cos B} + ab\sqrt{\cos C} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{>} \\ & > \frac{1}{3}(ab + bc + ca) \left(\sum \sqrt{\cos A} \right) \stackrel{(1) \& (3)}{>} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 4R^2 \cdot 1 = \frac{4}{3}R^2 \end{aligned}$$