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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$m_a w_a < bc$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 - \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} &= \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 - b^2 - c^2 - 2bc}{4} = \frac{(b-c)^2 - a^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{(b-c+a)(b-c-a)}{4} < 0 \text{ so } m_a < \frac{b+c}{2} \\ w_a &= \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{2bc}{b+c} \text{ as } \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq 1 \\ \text{now } m_a w_a &< \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \frac{b+c}{2} = bc \end{aligned}$$