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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{h_a \sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{h_b \sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{h_c \sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq 4\sqrt{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{h_a \sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{h_b \sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{h_c \sin \frac{C}{2}} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{h_a \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{2F}{a} \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{CEBYSEV}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2F} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} a^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{JENSEN}{\geq} \frac{1}{6F} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a^2 \cdot \frac{3}{\sin \left(\frac{A+B+C}{6} \right)} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{rs} \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\geq} \frac{2}{rs} (16Rr - 5r^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \frac{2(12Rr - 6r^2)}{rs} \\ &= \frac{2(12R-6r)}{s} = \frac{12(2R-r)}{s} \geq 4\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow 3(2R-r) \geq s\sqrt{3} \quad (\text{to prove}) \\ s\sqrt{3} &\stackrel{DOUCET}{\leq} 4R + r \leq 3(2R-r), \quad 4R + r \leq 6R - 3r, \quad R \geq 2r \quad (\text{Euler}) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.