On sequentiality of Polish topologies

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Gutierres showed in ZF that if the usual topology on the real line is sequential, then every infinite set of reals has a countable infinite subset. Using the method of balanced forcing, I show that the opposite implication is not provable, answering his question.

Theorem. Relative to an inaccessible cardinal, it is consistent with ZF that every infinite set has a countable infinite subset, yet the topology of the real line is not sequential.

The ease of the proof suggests that one may be able to (consistently with ZF) separate sequentiality of topologies on various Polish spaces. For example:

Question. Is it consistent with ZF that the topology of Euclidean line is sequential, while that of the Euclidean plane is not?

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