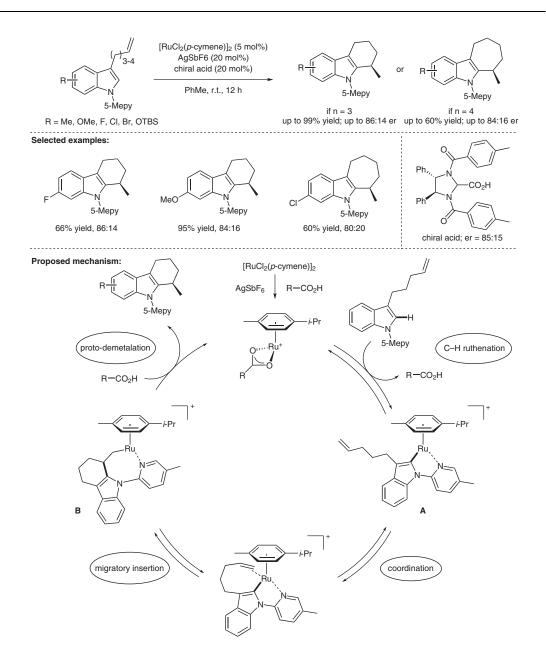
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## Enantioselective C–H Rutheniation for the Preparation of Tetrahydrocarbazoles and Cyclohepta[b]indoles



**Significance:** Ackermann and co-workers report a cooperative ruthenium(II) and chiral Lewis acid catalysis protocol for the enantioselective C–H alkylation of indole derivatives, affording tetrahydrocarbazoles and cyclohepta[b]indoles in high yields and good enantioselectivities.

**Comment:** Mechanistic experiments and computations found that a fast C–H rutheniation formed intermediate **A**, which formed racemic intermediate **B** upon coordination and migratory insertion. Then the enantio-determining proto-demetalation took place, affording the desired product.

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