1,4-Metal migration at a Cp*Rh(III) complex

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General Considerations. All manipulations were carried out under an argon atmosphere by using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise stated. 1,2-Dichloroethane (C₂H₄Cl₂) was dried and distilled over P₄O₁₀, degassed and stored under an argon atomosphere. The other solvents (anhydrous grade) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and purged with argon before use. 1-phenyl-1-propyne, 3-hexyne, diphenylacetylene and MeMgCl (3M in THF) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. [Cp*RhCl(Ph)(PPh₃)] (1),¹ [Cp*RhCl(Ph)(PMe₃)] (4),¹ [Cp*RhCl₂(PPh₃)],¹ NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O² and 1-(4-tolyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one³ were synthesized according to the literature. ¹H (500 MHz), ¹³C{¹H} (126 MHz), and ³¹P{¹H} (202 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECA-500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in δ , referenced to residual ¹H and ¹³C signals of deuterated solvents as internal standards or to the ³¹P signal of PPh₃ (δ –5.65) as an external standard. IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer by using KBr pellets. Elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin Elmer 2400 series II CHN analyzer. Amounts of the solvent molecules in the crystals were determined not only by elemental analyses but also by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

[Cp*Rh{*o*-C₆H₄C(Me)=CHPh}(PPh₃)][BAr^F₄] (2a). A mixture of [Cp*RhCl(Ph)(PPh₃)] (1; 45.5 mg, 0.074 mmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (76.9 mg, 0.083 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1-propyne (50 µl, 47.0 mg, 0.405 mmol, 5 equiv) in C₂H₄Cl₂ (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for few minutes. The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with C₂H₄Cl₂. The combined filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and layered with hexane to give 2a (86.6 mg, 0.056 mmol, 76% yield) as dark red crystals. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 35.5 (d, *J*_{RhP} = 161 Hz, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.71–6.74 (m, 36H, Ar), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.10 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 1.06 (t, *J*_{RhH} = ²*J*_{PH} = 10.3 Hz, 1H, C=C*H*Ph). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 166.7 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(Me)=C), 97.5 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.0 Hz, C=CHPh), 21.0 (s, CH₃), 9.06 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₇₅H₅₅BF₂₄PRh (2a): C, 57.86; H, 3.56. Found: C, 57.58; H, 3.44.

 $[Cp*Rh{o-C_6H_4C(Et)=CHEt}(PPh_3)][BAr^F_4] (2b).$ This compound was synthesized from 1 (26.3 mg, 0.043 mmmol), NaBAr^F_4·2H_2O (42.3 mg, 0.046 mmol) and 3-hexyne (25 µl, 0.225 mmol) by a

procedure similar to that for the synthesis of **2a** except that Et₂O/hexane was used as the solvent for recystallization. Dark red crystals (50.6 mg, 0.033 mmol, 77% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 37.0 (d, $J_{RhP} = 159$ Hz, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.70–6.62 (m, 31H, Ar), 2.66–2.61 (m, 2H, C=CHC*H*₂CH₃ and *o*-C₆H₄C(*CH*₂CH₃)=C), 2.52–2.48 (m, 1H, *o*-C₆H₄C(*CH*₂CH₃)=C), 1.81–1.77 (m, 1H, C=CH*CH*₂), 1.26 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 0.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, C=CHCH₂CH₃), -0.34 (m, 1H, C=CHCH₂CH₃). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 171.8 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 98.4 (m, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 25.9 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 23.9 (s, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 13.8 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 13.6 (s, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 9.15 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₇₂H₅₇BF₂₄PRh (**2b**): C, 56.79; H, 3.77. Found: C, 56.51; H, 3.60.

[Cp*Rh{o-C₆H₄C(Ph)=CHPh}(PPh₃)][BAr^F₄] (2c). This compound was synthesized from 1 (33.3 mg, 0.054 mmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (58.0 mg, 0.063 mmol) and diphenylacetylene (25.0 mg, 0.140 mmol) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of **2a** except that the reaction was performed for 5 h and Et₂O/hexane was used as the solvent for recystallization. Dark red crystals (66.8 mg, 0.041 mmol, 76% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 36.4 (d, *J*_{RhP} = 161 Hz, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.71–6.44 (m, 41H, Ar), 1.16 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 0.72 (t, *J*_{RhH} = ²*J*_{PH} = 10.3 Hz, 1H, C=CHPh). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 167.1 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(Ph)=C), 100.0 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.5 Hz, C=CHPh), 9.04 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₈₀H₅₇BF₂₄PRh (**2c**): C, 59.35; H, 3.55. Found: C, 58.98; H, 3.44.

[Cp*Rh{*o*-C₆H₄C(Me)=CHPh}(PMe₃)][BAr^F₄] (5a). This compound was synthesized from 4 (23.3 mg, 0.055 mmmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (62.4 mg, 0.068 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1-propyne (30 μl, 0.243 mmol) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of **2a**. Dark red crystals (67.1 mg, 0.049 mmol, 90% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ -2.57 (d, *J*_{RhP} = 156 Hz, PMe₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (br, 8H, BAr^F₄), 7.55–7.53 (m, 5H, Ar and BAr^F₄), 7.45–7.20 (m, 8H, Ar), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.37 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 9H, P(CH₃)₃), 1.35 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 0.87 (t, *J*_{RhH} = ²*J*_{PH} = 10.3 Hz, 1H, C=CHPh). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 167.4 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₃)=C), 95.3 (br, C=CHPh),

21.5 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(*C*H₃)=C), 15.7 (d, *J*_{CP}= 33.6 Hz, P(*C*H₃)₃), 9.44 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₆₀H₄₉BF₂₄PRh (**5a**): C, 52.58; H, 3.60. Found: C, 52.58; H, 3.35.

[Cp*Rh{o-C₆H₄C(Et)=CHEt}(PMe₃)][BAr^F₄] (5b). This compound was synthesized from 4 (24.0 mg, 0.056 mmmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (57.0 mg, 0.062 mmol) and 3-hexyne (32 µl, 0.288 mmol) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of **2a**. Red crystals (59.3 mg, 0.044 mmol, 79% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 3.62 (d, ²*J*_{RhP} = 147 Hz, PMe₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (br, 8H, BAr^F₄), 7.54 (br, 4H, BAr^F₄), 7.14–7.04 (m, 4H, Ar), 2.64, 2.31 (m, 1H each, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 2.15 (m, 1H, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 1.94 (m, 1H, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 1.76 (m, 1H, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 1.56 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 1.30 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 1.27 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, P(CH₃)₃), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, C=CHCH₂CH₃). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 90.0 (br, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 26.8 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 22.9 (s, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 15.3 (d, *J*_{CP}= 34.8 Hz, P(CH₃)₃), 15.2 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(CH₂CH₃)=C), 14.2 (s, C=CHCH₂CH₃), 9.52 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₅₇H₅₁BF₂₄PRh (**5b**): C, 51.22; H, 3.85. Found: C, 51.23; H, 3.67.

[Cp*Rh{*o*-C₆H₄C(Ph)=CHPh}(PMe₃)][BAr^F₄]·0.5C₂H₄Cl₂ (5c·0.5C₂H₄Cl₂). This compound was synthesized from **4** (23.2 mg, 0.054 mmmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (60.2 mg, 0.065 mmol) and diphenylacetylene (48.5 mg, 0.272 mmol) by a procedure similar to that of **2a**. Dark red crystals (74.3 mg, 0.050 mmol, 92% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ –2.99 (d, *J*_{RhP} = 156 Hz, PMe₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.72 (br, 8H, BAr^F₄), 7.54 (br, 4H, BAr^F₄), 7.45–6.80 (m, 14H, Ar), 1.50 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 9H, P(CH₃)₃), 1.34 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 0.38 (t, *J*_{RhH} = ²*J*_{PH} = 11.2 Hz, 1H, C=C*H*Ph). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 168.8 (s, *o*-C₆H₄C(Ph)=C), 97.2 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, C=CHPh), 15.7 (d, *J*_{CP}= 33.6 Hz, P(CH₃)₃), 9.49 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). Anal. Calcd for C₆₆H₅₃BClF₂₄PRh (**5c·0.5C₂H₄Cl₂**): C, 53.48; H, 3.60. Found: C, 53.84; H, 3.46.

 $[Cp*Rh{C(COC_6H_4Me-p)=CPh_2}(PPh_3)][BAr^F_4] (6). A mixture of [Cp*RhCl(Ph)(PPh_3)] (1; 26.6 mg, 0.043 mmol), NaBAr^F_4·2H_2O (45.0 mg, 0.049 mmol) and 1-(4-tolyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one (40.0 mg, 0.182 mmol) in C_2H_4Cl_2 (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for few minutes. The resulting red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was$

rinsed with C₂H₄Cl₂. The combined filtrate was dried in vacuo, and the residue was recrystallized from toluene/hexanes to give **6** (59.6 mg, 0.036 mmol, 83% yield) as red crystals. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 38.1 (d, ²*J*_{RhP} = 161 Hz, PPh₃). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.70–6.52 (m, 41H, Ar), 2.18 (s, 3H, Me), 1.17 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 15H, Cp*). Selected ¹³C{¹H} NMR data (CDCl₃): δ 208.1 (s, C=O), 21.4 (s, CH₃), 8.95 (s, CH₃ of Cp*). IR (cm⁻¹): 1608 (m, *v*_{C=O}). Anal. Calcd for C₈₂H₅₉BF₂₄OPRh (**6**): C, 59.29; H, 3.58. Found: C, 59.17; H, 3.47.

[Cp*RhCl(Me)(PPh₃)]·0.5CH₂Cl₂ (7·0.5CH₂Cl₂). The following procedure is modified from the preparation method originally reported by Blum.⁴ [Cp*RhCl₂(PPh₃)] (300 mg, 0.525 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous THF (20 mL), and the suspension was cooled to -40 °C. A THF solution of MeMgCl (0.53 mL of 3 M solution, 1.59 mmol, 3 equiv) was added dropwise to the suspension by using an airtight syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 15 min, warmed to room temperature, and stirring was continued until the suspension became an orange solution (almost 20 min). Then saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (0.2 mL) was added to quench unreacted Grignard reagent, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The product was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with CH₂Cl₂. Column chromatography on silica (4% THF-CH₂Cl₂) gave the desired complex as the first orange band. Recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 /hexane afforded pure 7.0.5 CH_2Cl_2 (167.6 mg, 0.282 mmol, 54% yield) as orange needles. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.63–7.61 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.36–7.33 (br, 9H, Ph), 1.31 (d J = 2.3 Hz, 15H, Cp*), 0.87 $(dd, J = 6.6, 2.0 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH_3)$. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 40.2 (d, $J = 165.7 \text{ Hz}, PPh_3$). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 134.5 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, Ph), 133.2 (d, J = 43.2 Hz, Ph), 129.9 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, Ph), 128.1 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, Ph), 99.1 (t, $J_{RhC} = {}^{2}J_{CP} = 4.2$ Hz, Cp*), 8.58 (s, CH₃ of Cp*), 1.72 (dd, J = 23.4, 15.0 Hz, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C_{29.5}H₃₄Cl₂PRh: C, 59.71; H, 5.78. Found: C, 59.74; H, 5.63.

Reaction of 7·0.5CH₂Cl₂ with NaBAr^F₄ and PhC=CPh A mixture of 7·0.5CH₂Cl₂ (22.7 mg, 0.038 mmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (36.2 mg, 0.039 mmol) and diphenylacetylene (20.5 mg, 0.115 mmol, 3 equiv) in C₂H₄Cl₂ (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 21 h. The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with C₂H₄Cl₂. The combined filtrate was

concentrated in vacuo, and the solution was added hexane to give **2a** (42.3 mg, 0.027 mmol, 71% yield) as dark red crystals.

Observation of 3c. A mixture of **1** (28.6 mg, 0.047 mmol), NaBAr^F₄·2H₂O (47.2 mg, 0.051 mmol) and diphenylacetylene (26.1 mg, 0.146 mmol, 3 equiv) in C₂H₄Cl₂ (2 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 30 min. The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with C₂H₄Cl₂. The combined filtrate was dried in vacuo and washed with hexane (2 mL × 3). The singal of **3c** was observed from the ³¹P{¹H} and ¹H NMR spectrum of the CDCl₃ solution of the residure. When similar reaction was performed by using **1**-*d*₅, the diagnostic signal of **3c** (δ 5.31), which was attributed to the agostic ortho protons of the phenyl substituent, was not observed in ¹H NMR.



Figure S1. Full ¹H NMR spectrum of a mixture of 2c and 3c (2c:3c = 0.45:1)

Kinetic Experiment. A C₂H₄Cl₂ solution (1 mL) containing **1** (16.7 mg, 0.027 mmol) NaBAr^F₄ (28.0 mg, 0.030 mmol) and ca. 3 equiv of diphenylacetylene (15.0 mg, 0.084 mmol) was transferred to an NMR tube under an atomosphere of argon. The sample was kept at 25 °C, and the reaction was monitored by means of ³¹P{¹H} NMR. Throughout the measurement, two distinct doublet signals were observed, which were assigned as complexes **2c** (δ 36.4) and **3c** (δ 33.2). The ratios of these copmlexes were determined on the basis of the relative intensities of the ³¹P{¹H} NMR signals, and the apparent first-order rate constant for the isomerisation of **3c** ($k_{\rm H} = 1.63 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$) was obtained from the time-conversion plot (Figure S2). The $k_{\rm D}$ value ($k_{\rm D} = 0.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, Figure S3) was obtained from a similar reaction using a C₂H₄Cl₂ solution (1 mL) containing **1**-*d*₅ (17.0 mg, 0.028 mmol), NaBAr^F₄ (28.5 mg, 0.031 mmol) and ca. 3 equiv of diphenylacetylene (15.0 mg, 0.084 mmol). The rate constant ratio $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$ (25 °C) was determined to be 3.3. Primary KIE ($k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$) values of 2.1–4.2 have been reported for Cp*Rh(III)-catalyzed *ortho* C–H activation of arenes.⁵



Figure S2. Plot of $ln [3c]/[3c_0]$ versus time for the coversion of 3c to 2c at 25 °C.



Figure S3. Plot of $ln [3c-d_5]/[3c-d_5]$ versus time for the coversion of $3c-d_5$ to $2c-d_5$ at 25 °C.

X-ray Diffraction Studies. Diffraction data for **2a**, **5a** and **6** were collected on a Rigaku Mercury CCD area detector with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71070$ Å) at -150 °C. Intensity data were corrected for Lorenz-polarization effects and for empirical absorption (REQAB).⁶ All calculations were performed using the *CrystalStructure*⁷ crystallographic software package except for refinements, which were performed using SHELXL-97.⁸ The positions of the non-hydrogen atoms were determined by direct methods (SIR-2008)⁹ and subsequent Fourier syntheses (DIRDIF-99).¹⁰ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined on F_o^2 anisotropically by full-matrix least-square techniques. All hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions with fixed isotropic parameters. Details of the X-ray diffraction study are summarized in Table S1.

	2a	5a	6
CCDC	957816	957817	957818
formula	C75H55BF24PRh	$C_{60}H_{49}BF_{24}PRh$	C82H59BF24OPRh
fw	1556.91	1370.7	1661.02
crystal dimension	$0.43 \times 0.32 \times 0.30$	$0.35 \times 0.35 \times 0.20$	$0.42 \times 0.22 \times 0.17$
crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/n(#14)$	P-1 (#2)	$P2_1/n(#14)$
<i>a</i> , Å	14.906(3)	12.591(2)	13.909(3)
b, Å	25.081(5)	15.472(3)	17.236(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.215(3)	17.459(3)	31.046(7)
α , deg	90	65.085(5)	90
β , deg	92.956(2)	70.167(6)	91.043(3)
γ, deg	90	81.773(7)	90
$V, Å^3$	6801 (2)	2901.7(8)	7442 (3)
Ζ	4	2	4
$ ho_{ m calcd}, { m g cm}^{-3}$	1.521	1.569	1.482
<i>F</i> (000)	3144	1380	3360
μ , cm ⁻¹	3.839	4.378	3.571
transmission factors range	0.857 - 0.891	0.807 - 0.916	0.901 - 0.941
index range	$-19 \le h \le 16$	$-16 \le h \le 16$	$-17 \le h \le 18$
	$-25 \le k \le 32$	$-12 \le k \le 20$	$-22 \le k \le 14$
	$-21 \le l \le 23$	$-20 \le l \le 22$	$-39 \le l \le 40$
no. reflections total	52317	22533	56972
unique (R _{int})	15429 (0.0720)	12848 (0.0408)	17012 (0.0883)
$I > 2\sigma(I)$	10917	10542	10495
no. parameters	920	788	991
$RI (I > 2\sigma(I))^{a}$	0.0694	0.0508	0.0883
wR2 (all data) ^b	0.1796	0.1287	0.2398
GOF ^c	1.028	1.101	1.025
max diff peak / hole, e Å ⁻³	1.48/-0.85	0.90/-0.80	1.26/-0.68

Table S1. X-ray Crystallographic Data for 2a, 5a and 6.

 $\frac{{}^{a}RI = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}||/\Sigma |F_{o}|. {}^{b}wR2 = [\Sigma \{w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}\}/\Sigma w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]^{1/2}, w = 1/[\sigma^{2}F_{o}^{2} + (aP)^{2} + bP] (a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants suggested by the refinement program; } P = [max(F_{o}^{2}, 0) + 2F_{c}^{2}]/3). {}^{c}GOF = [\Sigma w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}/(N_{obs} - N_{params})]^{1/2}.$



Figure S4. ORTEP drawing of **5a** (50% probability). Anionic part and hydrogen atoms except for H1 are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Rh1–P1, 2.3030(10); Rh1–C1, 2.475(5); Rh1–C9, 2.033(3); Rh1–H1, 1.753; C1–C2, 1.357(4); C1–C2–C3, 122.7(3); C1–C2–C4, 118.4(3); C3–C2–C4, 118.9(3); C2–C1–C10, 130.5(4).



Figure S5. ORTEP drawing of **6** (50% probability). Anionic part and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond length (Å) and angles (deg): Rh1–O1, 2.141(4); Rh1–C1, 2.101(6); Rh1–P1, 2.3315(16); C1–C2, 1.449(8); C1–C3, 1.350(8); O1–C2, 1.285(7); O1–Rh1–C1, 64.32(18); Rh1–O1–C2, 93.6(3); Rh1–C1–C2, 90.6(4); Rh1–C1–C3, 134.3(4); C2–C1–C3, 130.0(6); O1–C2–C1, 111.2(5), O1–C2–C16, 117.8(5); C1–C2–C16, 130.8(6).

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