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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 $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ was dried and distilled over $\mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}$, 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. $\left[\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{Ph})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right](\mathbf{1}),{ }^{1}\left[\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{Ph})\left(\mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right)\right](4),{ }^{1}\left[\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right],{ }^{1}$ $\mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}^{2}$ and 1-(4-tolyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one ${ }^{3}$ were synthesized according to the literature. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}(500 \mathrm{MHz}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}(126 \mathrm{MHz})$, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}(202 \mathrm{MHz})$ NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECA-500 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in $\delta$, referenced to residual ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of deuterated solvents as internal standards or to the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ signal of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}(\delta-5.65)$ 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 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \mathbf{R h}\left\{\boldsymbol{0}-\mathbf{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{4}} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{M e})=\mathbf{C H P h}\right\}\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathbf{B A r}^{\mathbf{F}}{ }_{4}\right](\mathbf{2 a})$. A mixture of $\left[\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{Ph})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right](\mathbf{1} ; 45.5$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.074 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(76.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.083 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 1-phenyl-1-propyne ( $50 \mu \mathrm{l}, 47.0 \mathrm{mg}$, 0.405 mmol , 5 equiv) in $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for few minutes. The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The combined filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and layered with hexane to give $\mathbf{2 a}(86.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.056$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 76 \%$ yield $)$ as dark red crystals. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 35.5\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=161 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.71-6.74(\mathrm{~m}, 36 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 2.33\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp} *), 1.06(\mathrm{t}$, $\left.J_{\mathrm{RhH}}={ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PH}}=10.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C} H \mathrm{Ph}\right)$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 166.7(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C(\mathrm{Me})=\mathrm{C}\right), 97.5(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.1,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}=C \mathrm{HPh}), 21.0\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 9.06\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{75} \mathrm{H}_{55} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}$ (2a): C, 57.86; H, 3.56. Found: C, 57.58; H, 3.44.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \mathbf{R h}\left\{\boldsymbol{o}-\mathbf{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{4}} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{E t})=\mathbf{C H E t}\right\}\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathbf{B A r}{ }^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4}\right](\mathbf{2 b})$. This compound was synthesized from $\mathbf{1}(26.3$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.043 \mathrm{mmmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(42.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.046 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 3-hexyne $(25 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.225 \mathrm{mmol})$ by a
procedure similar to that for the synthesis of 2a except that $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O} /$ hexane was used as the solvent for recystallization. Dark red crystals ( $50.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.033 \mathrm{mmol}, 77 \%$ yield $) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 37.0$ $\left(\mathrm{d}, J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=159 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.70-6.62(\mathrm{~m}, 31 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 2.66-2.61(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ and $\left.o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 2.52-2.48\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 1.81-1.77(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2}\right), 1.26\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right), 1.15\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 0.34$ $\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right),-0.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \quad \delta \quad 171.8 \quad\left(\mathrm{~s}, \quad o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), \quad 98.4 \quad\left(\mathrm{~m}, \quad \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), \quad 25.9 \quad(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 23.9 \quad\left(\mathrm{~s}, \quad \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 13.8 \quad\left(\mathrm{~s}, \quad o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 13.6 \quad(\mathrm{~s}$, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $9.15\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{72} \mathrm{H}_{57} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}(\mathbf{2 b})$ : C, 56.79; $\mathrm{H}, 3.77$. Found: C, 56.51; H, 3.60.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \mathbf{R h}\left\{\boldsymbol{o}-\mathbf{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{4} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{P h})=\mathbf{C H P h}\right\}\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathbf{B A r}^{\mathbf{F}}{ }_{4}\right]$ (2c). This compound was synthesized from $\mathbf{1}$ $(33.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.054 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(58.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.063 \mathrm{mmol})$ and diphenylacetylene $(25.0 \mathrm{mg}$, 0.140 mmol ) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of $\mathbf{2 a}$ except that the reaction was performed for 5 h and $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ /hexane was used as the solvent for recystallization. Dark red crystals ( $66.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.041 \mathrm{mmol}, 76 \%$ yield). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 36.4\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=161 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.71-6.44(\mathrm{~m}, 41 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 1.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp} *), 0.72\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{\mathrm{RhH}}={ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PH}}=10.3\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz},, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C} H \mathrm{Ph})$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}$ data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 167.1\left(\mathrm{~s}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C(\mathrm{Ph})=\mathrm{C}\right), 100.0(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=6.6,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}=C \mathrm{HPh}), 9.04\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{80} \mathrm{H}_{57} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}(\mathbf{2 c}): \mathrm{C}, 59.35 ; \mathrm{H}$, 3.55. Found: C, 58.98; H, 3.44.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \operatorname{Rh}\left\{0-\mathbf{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{4} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{M e})=\mathbf{C H P h}\right\}\left(\mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4}\right](\mathbf{5 a})$. This compound was synthesized from $\mathbf{4}$ ( $23.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.055 \mathrm{mmmol}$ ), $\mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(62.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.068 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 1-phenyl-1-propyne ( $30 \mu \mathrm{l}$, 0.243 mmol ) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of 2a. Dark red crystals ( $67.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.049$ mmol, $90 \%$ yield $) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta-2.57\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=156 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ $7.71\left(\mathrm{br}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}\right.$ ) , 7.55-7.53 (m, 5H, Ar and $\left.\mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4}\right), 7.45-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 2.45\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$, $1.37\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 1.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp} *), 0.87\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{\mathrm{RhH}}={ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PH}}=10.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C} H \mathrm{Ph})$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 167.4\left(\mathrm{~s}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 95.3$ (br, $\left.\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}\right)$,
$21.5\left(\mathrm{~s}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 15.7\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{CP}}=33.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 9.44\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp} *\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{60} \mathrm{H}_{49} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}(5 \mathbf{5 a})$ : C, $52.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.60$. Found: C, $52.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.35$.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \operatorname{Rh}\left\{o-\mathbf{C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{4} \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{E t})=\mathbf{C H E t}\right\}\left(\mathbf{P M e}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4}\right](\mathbf{5 b})$. This compound was synthesized from 4 ( $24.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.056 \mathrm{mmmol}$ ), $\mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}} \cdot{ }^{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $57.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.062 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 3-hexyne ( $32 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.288 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) by a procedure similar to that for the synthesis of 2a. Red crystals ( $59.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.044 \mathrm{mmol}, 79 \%$ yield). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 3.62\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=147 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.71\left(\mathrm{br}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}} 4\right)$, $7.54\left(\mathrm{br}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}} 4\right), 7.14-7.04(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 2.64,2.31\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$ each, $\left.o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 2.15(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.94\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.76\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.56(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right), 1.30\left(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 1.27\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 1.02(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $\left.7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 90.0\left(\mathrm{br}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 26.8$ $\left(\mathrm{s}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 22.9\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 15.3\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{CP}}=34.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 15.2(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)=\mathrm{C}\right), 14.2\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 9.52\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}{ }^{*}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{57} \mathrm{H}_{51} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}(\mathbf{5 b})$ : C, 51.22; H, 3.85. Found: C, 51.23; H, 3.67.
 was synthesized from $4(23.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.054 \mathrm{mmmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}} \cdot{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(60.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.065 \mathrm{mmol})$ and diphenylacetylene ( $48.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.272 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) by a procedure similar to that of $\mathbf{2 a}$. Dark red crystals (74.3 mg, $0.050 \mathrm{mmol}, 92 \%$ yield). ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta-2.99\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=156 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PMe}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ $\operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.72\left(\mathrm{br}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}\right.$ ) , $7.54\left(\mathrm{br}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{BAr}^{\mathrm{F}}{ }_{4}\right), 7.45-6.80(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 1.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.3$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 1.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp} *), 0.38\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{\mathrm{RhH}}={ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PH}}=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C} H \mathrm{Ph}\right)$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 168.8\left(\mathrm{~s}, o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} C(\mathrm{Ph})=\mathrm{C}\right)$, $97.2(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CHPh}), 15.7\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{CP}}=33.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$, $9.49\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{66} \mathrm{H}_{53} \mathrm{BClF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}$ $\left(\mathbf{5 c} \cdot \mathbf{0 . 5} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathbf{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{\mathbf{2}}\right)$ : C, $53.48 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.60$. Found: C, $53.84 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.46$.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \mathbf{R h}\left\{\mathbf{C}\left(\mathbf{C O C}_{6} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{4}} \mathbf{M e - p}\right)=\mathbf{C P h}_{2}\right\}\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right]\left[\mathbf{B A r}^{\mathbf{F}}{ }_{4}\right]$ (6). A mixture of $\left[\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}(\mathrm{Ph})\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right](\mathbf{1} ;$ $26.6 \mathrm{mg}, \quad 0.043 \mathrm{mmol}), \quad \mathrm{NaBAr}_{4}{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad(45.0 \quad \mathrm{mg}, \quad 0.049 \quad \mathrm{mmol})$ and 1-(4-tolyl)-3-phenyl-2-propyn-1-one ( $40.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.182 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for few minutes. The resulting red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was
rinsed with $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The combined filtrate was dried in vacuo, and the residue was recrystallized from toluene/hexanes to give $\mathbf{6}(59.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.036 \mathrm{mmol}, 83 \%$ yield $)$ as red crystals. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 38.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{RhP}}=161 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.70-6.52(\mathrm{~m}, 41 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, Me), $1.17\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}{ }^{*}\right)$. Selected ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR data $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 208.1(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 21.4(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 8.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp} *\right)$. IR $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 1608\left(\mathrm{~m}, v_{\mathrm{C}=0}\right)$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{82} \mathrm{H}_{59} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{OPRh}(6)$ : C, 59.29; H, 3.58. Found: C, 59.17; H, 3.47.
$\left[\mathbf{C p} * \mathbf{R h C l}(\mathbf{M e})\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right] \cdot \mathbf{0 . 5} \mathbf{C H}_{2} \mathbf{C l}_{\mathbf{2}}\left(\mathbf{7} \cdot \mathbf{0 . 5} \mathbf{C H}_{2} \mathbf{C l}_{2}\right)$. The following procedure is modified from the preparation method originally reported by Blum. ${ }^{4}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{Cp} * \mathrm{RhCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right](300 \mathrm{mg}, 0.525 \mathrm{mmol})$ was suspended in anhydrous THF ( 20 mL ), and the suspension was cooled to $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A THF solution of $\mathrm{MeMgCl}(0.53 \mathrm{~mL}$ of 3 M solution, $1.59 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv) was added dropwise to the suspension by using an airtight syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 min , warmed to room temperature, and stirring was continued until the suspension became an orange solution (almost 20 $\mathrm{min})$. Then saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution $(0.2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to quench unreacted Grignard reagent, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The product was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Column chromatography on silica ( $4 \% \mathrm{THF}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) gave the desired complex as the first orange band. Recrystallization from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /$ hexane afforded pure $7 \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(167.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.282 \mathrm{mmol}, 54 \%$ yield $)$ as orange needles. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.63-7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.36-7.33(\mathrm{br}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 1.31(\mathrm{~d} J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 15 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp} *), 0.87$ (dd, $\left.J=6.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 40.2\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=165.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 134.5(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 133.2(\mathrm{~d}, J=43.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 129.9(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 128.1$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Ph}), 99.1\left(\mathrm{t}, J_{\mathrm{RhC}}={ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right), 8.58\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$ of $\left.\mathrm{Cp}^{*}\right), 1.72(\mathrm{dd}, J=23.4,15.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{29.5} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{PRh}: \mathrm{C}, 59.71 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.78$. Found: C, 59.74; H, 5.63.

Reaction of $\mathbf{7 \cdot 0 . 5} \mathbf{C H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{C l}_{\mathbf{2}}$ with $\mathbf{N a B A r}{ }^{\mathbf{F}}{ }_{4}$ and $\mathbf{P h C} \equiv \mathbf{C P h}$ A mixture of $\mathbf{7} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(22.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.038$ $\mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}} \cdot{ }_{4} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(36.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.039 \mathrm{mmol})$ and diphenylacetylene $(20.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.115 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv) in $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 21 h . The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The combined filtrate was
concentrated in vacuo, and the solution was added hexane to give $\mathbf{2 a}(42.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.027 \mathrm{mmol}, 71 \%$ yield) as dark red crystals.

Observation of Bc. A mixture of $\mathbf{1}(28.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.047 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaBAr}^{\mathrm{F}} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(47.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.051 \mathrm{mmol})$ and diphenylacetylene ( $26.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.146 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv) in $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min . The resulting dark red suspension was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the plug was rinsed with $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. The combined filtrate was dried in vacuo and washed with hexane $(2 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3)$. The singal of $\mathbf{3 c}$ was observed from the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of the $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solution of the residure. When similar reaction was performed by using $\mathbf{1}-d_{5}$, the diagnostic signal of $\mathbf{3 c}(\delta 5.31)$, which was attributed to the agostic ortho protons of the phenyl substituent, was not observed in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR.


Bc, Cp* (15H)

sc, Cp* (15H)


Figure S1. Full ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of a mixture of $\mathbf{2 c}$ and $\mathbf{3 c}(\mathbf{2 c}: \mathbf{3 c}=0.45: 1)$

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


Figure S2. Plot of $\ln [3 c] /\left[3 c_{0}\right]$ versus time for the coversion of $\mathbf{3 c}$ to $\mathbf{2 c}$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure S3. Plot of $\ln \left[3 \boldsymbol{c}-d_{5}\right] /\left[3 \boldsymbol{c}-d_{5}{ }_{0}\right]$ versus time for the coversion of $\mathbf{3 c}-d_{5}$ to $\mathbf{2 c}-d_{5}$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

X-ray Diffraction Studies. Diffraction data for 2a, 5a and $\mathbf{6}$ were collected on a Rigaku Mercury CCD area detector with graphite-monochromated $\mathrm{Mo} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $\left(\lambda=0.71070 \AA\right.$ ) at $-150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. 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.

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

|  | 2a | 5a | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCDC | 957816 | 957817 | 957818 |
| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{75} \mathrm{H}_{55} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{60} \mathrm{H}_{49} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{PRh}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{82} \mathrm{H}_{59} \mathrm{BF}_{24} \mathrm{OPRh}$ |
| fw | 1556.91 | 1370.7 | 1661.02 |
| crystal dimension | $0.43 \times 0.32 \times 0.30$ |  |  |
| crystal system | monoclinic | triclinic | monoclinic |
| space group | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{n}$ (\#14) | P-1 (\#2) | $\mathrm{P} 2_{1} / \mathrm{n}(\# 14)$ |
| $a, \AA$ | 14.906(3) | 12.591(2) | 13.909(3) |
| $b, \AA$ | 25.081(5) | 15.472(3) | 17.236(4) |
| $c, \AA$ | 18.215(3) | 17.459(3) | 31.046(7) |
| $\alpha$, deg | 90 | 65.085(5) | 90 |
| $\beta$, deg | 92.956(2) | 70.167(6) | 91.043(3) |
| $\gamma, \operatorname{deg}$ | 90 | 81.773(7) | 90 |
| $V, \AA^{3}$ | 6801 (2) | 2901.7(8) | 7442 (3) |
| Z | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| $\rho_{\text {calcd }}, \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.521 | 1.569 | 1.482 |
| $F(000)$ | 3144 | 1380 | 3360 |
| $\mu, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ | 3.839 | 4.378 | 3.571 |
| transmission factors range | 0.857-0.891 | 0.807-0.916 | 0.901-0.941 |
| index range | $-19 \leq h \leq 16$ | $-16 \leq h \leq 16$ | $-17 \leq h \leq 18$ |
|  | $-25 \leq k \leq 32$ | $-12 \leq k \leq 20$ | $-22 \leq k \leq 14$ |
|  | $-21 \leq l \leq 23$ | $-20 \leq l \leq 22$ | $-39 \leq l \leq 40$ |
| no. reflections total | 52317 | 22533 | 56972 |
| unique ( $\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}$ ) | 15429 (0.0720) | 12848 (0.0408) | 17012 (0.0883) |
| $I>2 \sigma(I)$ | 10917 | 10542 | 10495 |
| no. parameters | 920 | 788 | 991 |
| $R 1(I>2 \sigma(I))^{\text {a }}$ | 0.0694 | 0.0508 | 0.0883 |
| $w R 2$ (all data) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.1796 | 0.1287 | 0.2398 |
| $\mathrm{GOF}^{\text {c }}$ | 1.028 | 1.101 | 1.025 |
| max diff peak <br> / hole, e $\AA^{-3}$ | 1.48/-0.85 | 0.90/-0.80 | 1.26/-0.68 | $b$ are constants suggested by the refinement program; $\left.\mathrm{P}=\left[\max \left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}, 0\right)+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right] / 3\right) .{ }^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{GOF}=\left[\Sigma w\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right)^{2} /\left(N_{\text {obs }}-N_{\text {params }}\right)\right]^{1 / 2}$.



Figure S4. ORTEP drawing of $\mathbf{5 a}$ ( $50 \%$ probability). Anionic part and hydrogen atoms except for H 1 are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) 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 $\mathbf{6}$ ( $50 \%$ probability). Anionic part and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond length ( $\AA$ ) and angles (deg): Rh1-O1, 2.141(4); Rh1-C1, 2.101(6); Rh1-P1, $2.3315(16) ; \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2,1.449(8) ; \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 3,1.350(8) ; \mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 2,1.285(7) ; \mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Rh} 1-\mathrm{C} 1,64.32(18)$; 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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