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For the preparation of predominantly unbranched higher primary alcohols, olefins from the Fischer-Tropsch synthesis are reacted with hydrogen and carbon monoxide in the presence of water and rhodium, in metallic form or as a compound, and a water-soluble phosphine as catalyst. The reaction product obtained is hydrogenated. The water-soluble phosphines employed are compounds whose anion is a phosphine containing at least one sulfonated or carbonylated aromatic radical and whose cation is a quaternary ammonium or phosphonium ion.

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