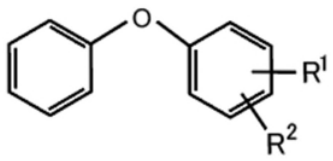
ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a mixture of alkyl-substituted diphenyl ether compounds. In this mixture, the average number of alkyl groups attached is from 2 to 3.6; the proportion of alkyl-substituted diphenyl ether compounds to which zero or one alkyl group is attached is 1 mol% or less; the proportion of alkyl-substituted diphenyl ether compounds to which two alkyl groups are attached is 25 mol% or more; and the proportion of alkyl-substituted diphenyl ether compounds represented by the following formula (1) is 25 mol% or less.

[Chem. 1]



(1)

(In the formula (1), R^1 and R^2 are alkyl groups which may be the same as, or different from, each other.)