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The invention relates to a novel process for preparing functionalized PPE, the process comprising oxidative coupling in a reaction solution at least one monovalent phenol species using an oxygen containing gas and a complex metal catalyst to produce a PPE; and functionalizing the PPE prior to and/or during at least one isolation step for devolatilization of the reaction solvent.		



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