Improved Synthesis of 2-(4-Propylphenyl)ethanol

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A new procedure for the synthesis of 2-(4-propylphenyl)ethanol is provided. This new procedure significantly reduces side-products as 1-(4-propylphenyl)ethanol and 2-bromoethanol, which are obtained when using the previously known procedure. Only with the new procedure an efficient purification on the large scale needed for avoided-level-crossing muon-spin resonance experiments was possible.

Structural details of the title compound could be derived from an X-ray structure analysis of a crystalline derivative, the nitrobenzoyl ester.

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