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      1. Add 10 mL of water to the flask and fit it with a glass stopper.
      2. Shake the flask vigorously until no lumps are visible, indicating even spreading of water throughout the alumina. Allow the alumina to cool to room temperature (RT).

CAUTION: Adsorption of water is exothermic, and the flask may get hot, which may result in a buildup of pressure. Release any pressure buildup frequently.

1. **Purification of the Iodoaziridine**
   1. Purify the crude iodoaziridine by column chromatography using basic alumina (activity IV) as the stationary phase, eluting with hexane and grading to 5% EtOAc/hexane7.

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