Process intensification for the synthesis of 6-allyl-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-en-2-ol from 1-allylpyridinium salt using a continuous UV-light photoflow approach

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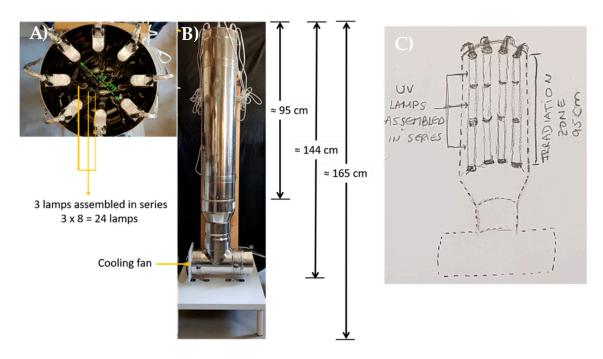
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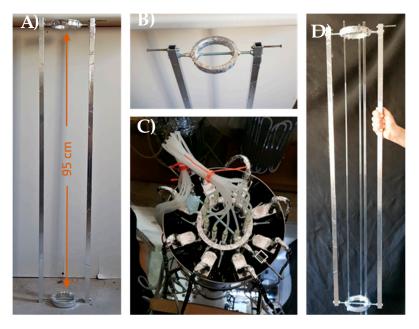
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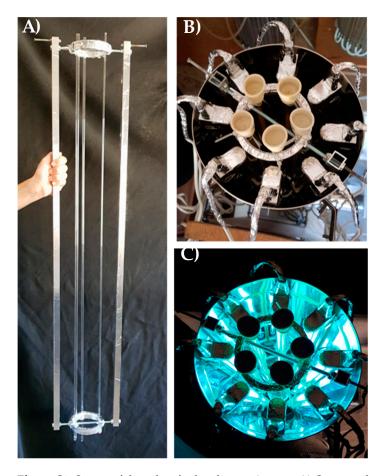
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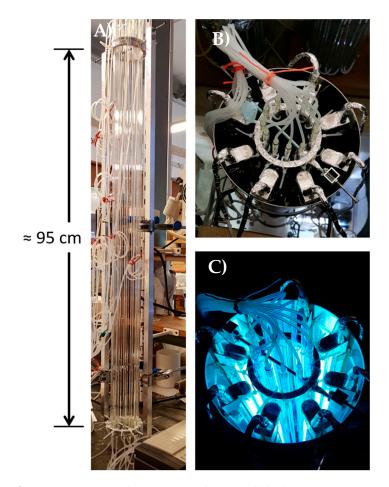
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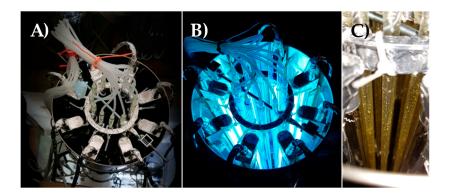
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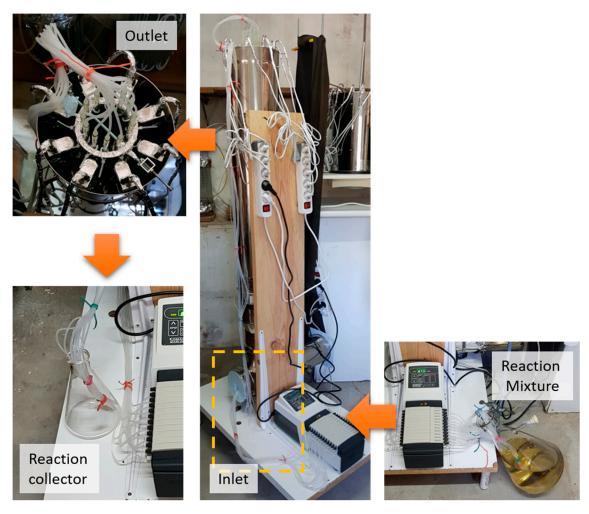


Figure S6: Equipment used for photochemical transformation in continuous flow

#### **Troubleshooting**



**Figure S7:** PQT6 after irradiation with yellow residue on the walls.

In all the photochemical reactions a yellow residue was gradually formed on the reactor walls. The residue was removed by disassembling the PQT6 and washing the quartz tubes using water pressure and a tube cleaning brush.

#### **Batch experiments results**

#### Batch experiments with different internal diameters (QT2, QT4, QT6)

**Table S1**: Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using QT2: [95 cm under irradiation (l) × 0.2 cm (d)]. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(70) <sup>123</sup>	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{[4]} L^{-1} {}^{[5]} h^{-1}$	$g^{[4]} m^{-2} {}^{[6]} h^{-1}$	mg h-1
1	80.97	81.63	81.30	0.020	6.69	3.35	19.97
2	100	100	100	0.0246	4.12	2.06	12.28
3	100	100	100	0.0246	2.74	1.37	8.19
4	100	100	100	0.0246	2.06	1.03	6.14
5	100	100	100	0.0246	1.65	0.82	4.91

<sup>[1] 1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 ppm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.81 ppm.

Conversion =

 $\frac{\text{Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)}}{[\text{Area of Pyridine signal (8.81 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)}]} x 100$ 

 $\frac{^{[2]\,1}\text{H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 pm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.05 ppm.}{\text{Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)}}x100$  [Area of Pyridine signal (8.05 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)]

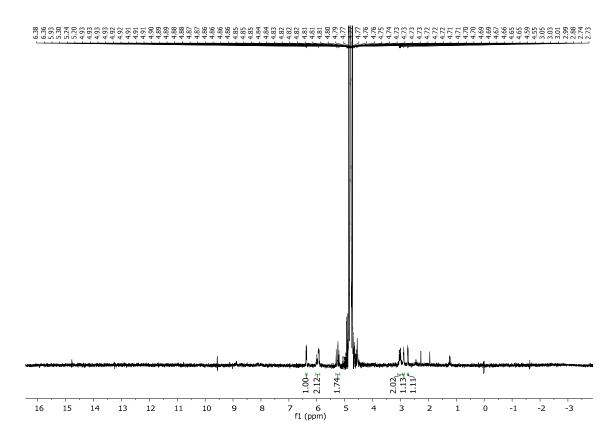
Conversion =

<sup>[3]</sup> Average of the Conversions

<sup>[4]</sup> Product mass  $(g) = \frac{[\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol A1ziridine (0.000179 mol)]}{[\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol A1ziridine (0.000179 mol)]}$ 

<sup>[5]</sup> Irradiation Volume -  $\pi \times r^2 \times h = \pi \times 0.1^2 \times 95 = 2.99 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.00299 \text{L}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[6]</sup> Area = L ×  $2\pi$  r = 0.95 ×  $2\pi$  ×0.001 = 0.006 m<sup>2</sup>



**Figure S8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using a QT2, with 2 **hours** of irradiation time.

**Table S2:** Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using a QT4: [95 cm under irradiation (l) × 0.4 cm (d)]. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.(70) <sup>11</sup>	Conv.(70) <sup>121</sup>	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{^{-1}[5]}}h^{_{^{-1}}}$	$g^{[4]} m^{-2} {}^{[6]} h^{-1}$	mg h-1
2	80.97	79.37	80.17	0.079	3.30	3.30	39.38
4	90.50	87.34	88.92	0.087	1.83	1.83	21.84
5	90.50	88.89	89.69	0.088	1.48	1.48	17.63
6	86.96	84.75	85.85	0.084	1.18	1.18	14.06
7	92.59	9132	91.96	0.090	1.08	1.08	12.91
8	92.17	92.17	92.17	0.091	0.95	0.95	11.32

<sup>[1] &</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 ppm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.81 ppm.

Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)

Conversion =

Conversion =

[Area of Pyridine signal (8.05 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)] x100

<sup>[</sup>Area of Pyridine signal (8.81 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)]

<sup>[2] &</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 pm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.05 ppm.

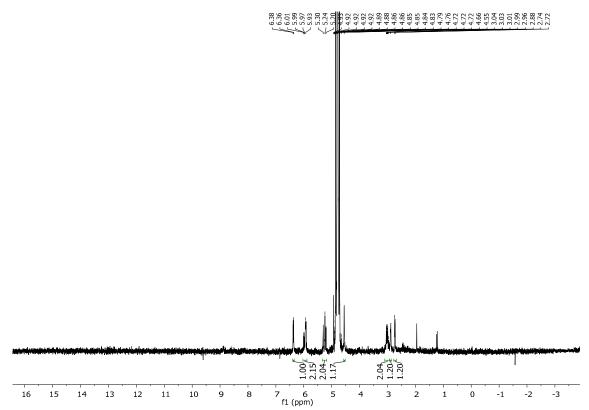
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<sup>[3]</sup> Average of the Conversions

 $<sup>^{[4]} \</sup>textit{Product mass } (g) = \underbrace{ [ \text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (137.18g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.000716mol)} ] }_{\text{Aziridine (137.18g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.000716mol)]}}$ 

<sup>[5]</sup> Irradiation Volume- $\pi \times r^2 \times h = \pi \times 0.2^2 \times 95 = 11.94 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.01194 \text{L}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[6]</sup> Area = L ×  $2\pi$  r = 0.95 ×  $2\pi$  ×0.002 = 0.01194 m<sup>2</sup>



**Figure S9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using a QT4, with 4 **hours** of irradiation time.

**Table S3:** Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using a QT6: [95 cm under irradiation (l) × 0.6 cm (d)]. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.( /0) <sup>123</sup>	Conv.(78)	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{^{-1}}_{[5]}}h^{_{^{-1}}}$	$g^{[4]} \; m^{2}  {}^{[6]} \; h^{1}$	mg h-1
2	65.36	63.90	64.63	0.14	2.64	3.97	71.04
4	86.96	84.75	85.85	0.19	1.77	2.65	47.53
6	94.79	94.34	94.56	0.21	1.30	1.95	35.01
8	91.74	100	95.87	0.21	0.99	1.48	26.53
10	93.90	4.34	94.12	0.21	0.77	1.16	20.78

<sup>[1] 1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 ppm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.81 ppm.

Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)

Conversion =

Area of Aziridine Signal (6.30 ppm)

[Area of Pyridine signal (8.81 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)]

Conversion =

[Area of Pyridine signal (8.05 ppm)] Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)] x100

<sup>[2] &</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 pm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.05 ppm.

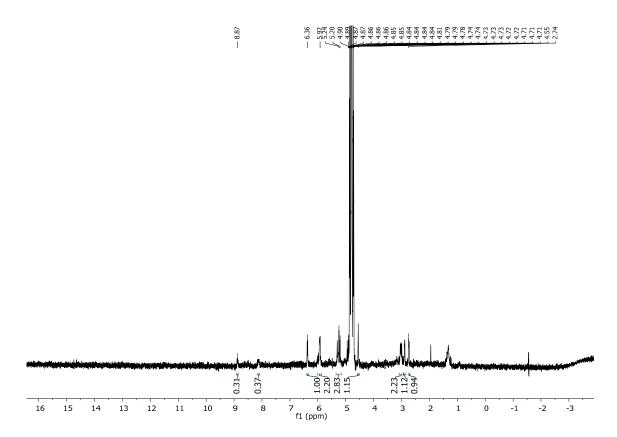
Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)

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 $<sup>^{[4]}</sup> Product \ mass \ (g) = \frac{ [\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.00161 mol)]} {100}$ 

<sup>[5]</sup> Irradiation Volume- $\pi \times r^2 \times h = \pi \times 0.3^2 \times 95 = 26.86 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.0269 \text{L}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[6]</sup> Area =  $L \times 2\pi$  r =  $0.95 \times 2\pi \times 0.003 = 0.0179$  m<sup>2</sup>



**Figure S10:**  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **60 mM**, using a QT6, with 4 **hours** of irradiation time.

#### Batch studies different concentrations on the QT6

**Table S4:** Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **20 mM**, using a QT6. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.(70)	Conv.(70)	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{\text{-}1}_{[5]}}h^{_{\text{-}1}}$	$g^{_{[4]}} m^{_{-2}_{[6]}} h^{_{-1}}$	mg h-1
1	100	100	100	0.074	2.74	4.12	73.69
2	100	100	100	0.074	1.37	2.06	36.85
3	100	100	100	0.074	0.91	1.37	24.56
4	100	100	100	0.074	0.69	1.03	18.42
5	100	100	100	0.074	0.55	0.82	14.74
6	100	100	100	0.074	0.46	0.69	12.28
7	100	100	100	0.074	0.39	0.59	10.53

<sup>[1] 1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 ppm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.81 ppm.

Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)

Conversion =

Conversion =

[Area of Pyridine signal (8.05 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)] x100

<sup>[</sup>Area of Pyridine signal (8.81 ppm)/2+ Area of Aziridine signals (6.30 ppm)] x100

<sup>[2] &</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>H NMR conversion obtained by the integration of the aziridine peak at 6.30 pm to 1H and the pyridine peak at 8.05 ppm.

Area of Aziridine signal (6.30 ppm)

<sup>[3]</sup> Average of the Conversions

<sup>[4]</sup> Product mass  $(g) = \frac{[\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.000537 mol)]}}{120}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>[5]</sup> Irradiation Volume-  $\pi \times r^2 \times h = \pi \times 0.3^2 \times 95 = 26.86 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.0269 \text{L}$ 

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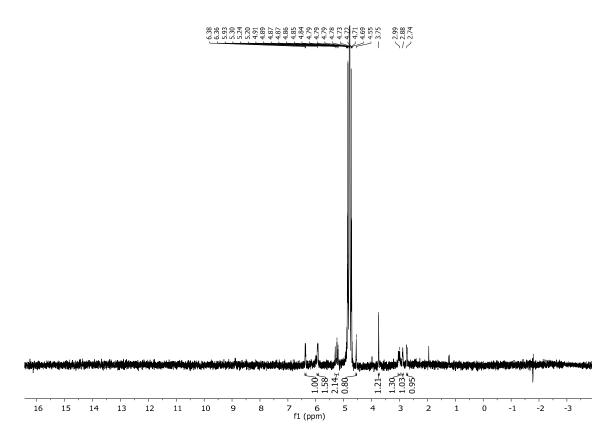
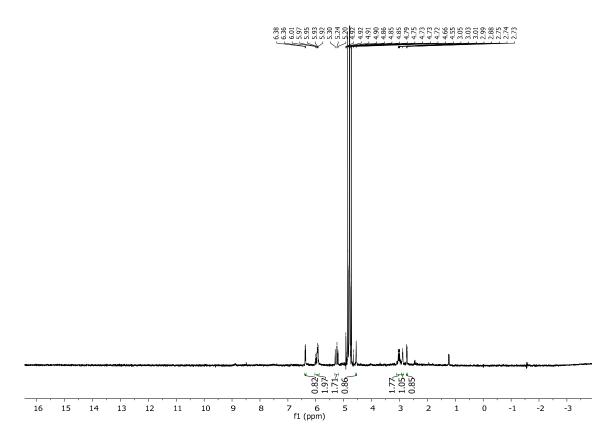


Figure S11:  $^1$ H NMR spectra of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. 20 mM, using a QT6, with 1 hour of irradiation time.

Table S5: Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. 40 mM, using a QT6. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Com. (0/)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%) <sup>[2]</sup>	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{^{-1}[5]}}h^{_{^{-1}}}$	$g^{[4]} m^{-2} {}^{[6]} h^{-1}$	mg h-1
1	60.8	57.3	59.05	0.087	3.24	4.86	87.03
2	78.13	76.34	77.23	0.113	2.11	3.17	56.74
3	83.33	86.21	84.77	0.125	1.55	2.33	41.76
4	86.96	88.50	87.73	0.130	1.21	1.81	32.43
5	93.46	92.59	93.03	0.137	1.02	1.53	27.41
6	100	100	100	0.7	0.915	1.37	24.56
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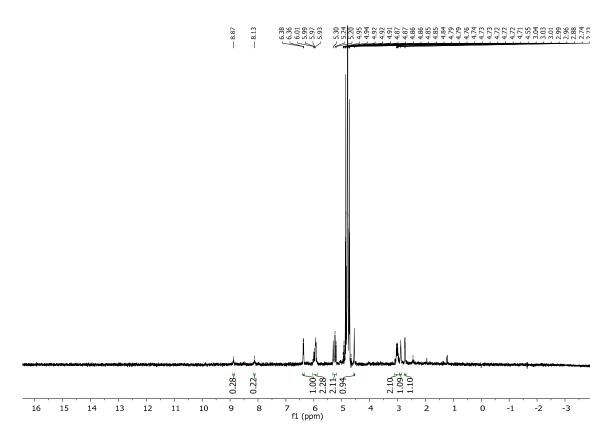


**Figure S12:**  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. **40 mM**, using a QT6, with 6 hours of irradiation time.

Table S6: Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. 60 mM, using a QT6

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.( /o) <sup>11</sup>	Conv.( /0) <sup>[2]</sup>	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{^{-1}}_{[5]}}h^{_{^{-1}}}$	$g^{[4]} m^{-2} {}^{[6]} h^{-1}$	mg h-1
2	61.16	59.70	60.43	0.133	2.47	3.70	66.33
4	78.43	77.52	77.98	0.172	1.61	2.41	43.11
6	86.21	84.75	85.48	0.190	1.18	1.77	31.69
8	87.72	90.09	88.90	0.197	0.9156	1.37	24.60

 $<sup>^{[4]} \</sup>textit{Product mass } (g) = \frac{ [\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.00161 mol)]} }{ \cdots}$ 

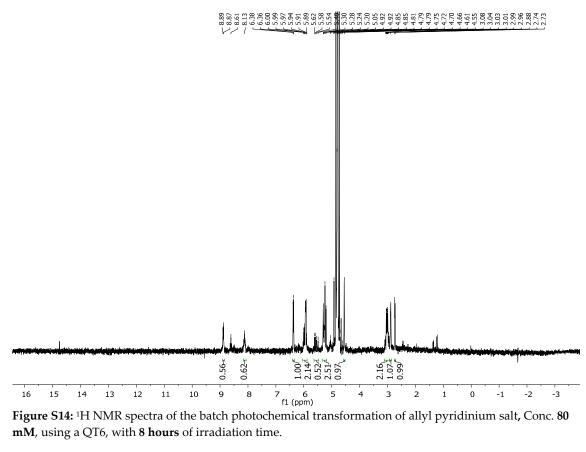


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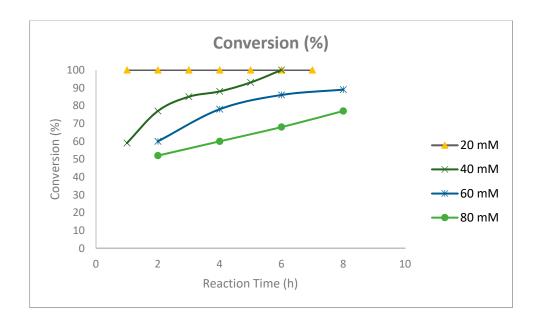
Table S7: Results of the batch photochemical transformation of allyl pyridinium salt, Conc. 80 mM, using a QT6. (The results in green are also presented in Table 1 of the manuscript)

Time	Conv.(%)[1]	Conv.(%)[2]	Avg.	Product	Productivity	Productivity	Productivity
(h)	Conv.( /0) <sup>123</sup>	Conv.( /o) <sup>t-1</sup>	Conv. (%)[3]	Mass (g)[4]	$g^{_{[4]}}L^{_{^{-1}}_{[5]}}h^{_{^{-1}}}$	$g^{[4]} \ m^{\text{-}2[6]} \ h^{\text{-}1}$	mg h-1
2	52.77	59.70	60.43	0.133	2.47	3.70	76.64
4	60.98	77.52	77.98	0.172	1.61	2.41	44.22
6	68.73	67.80	68.26	0.200	1.24	1.87	33.41
8	78.13	76.34	77.23	0.227	1.06	1.58	28.37

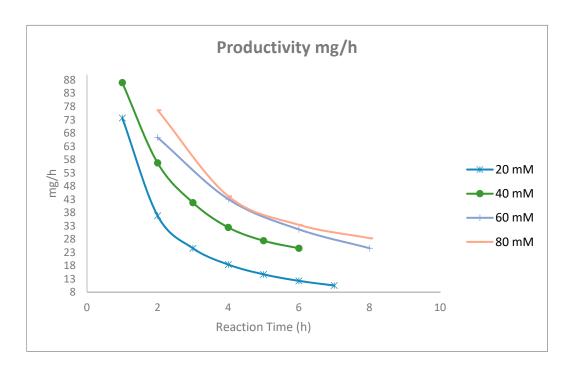
 $[4] Product \ mass \ (g) = \frac{[\text{Avg.Conversion (\%)*MM Aziridine (138.17 g/mol)*n mol Aziridine (0.00215 mol)}]}{200}$ 





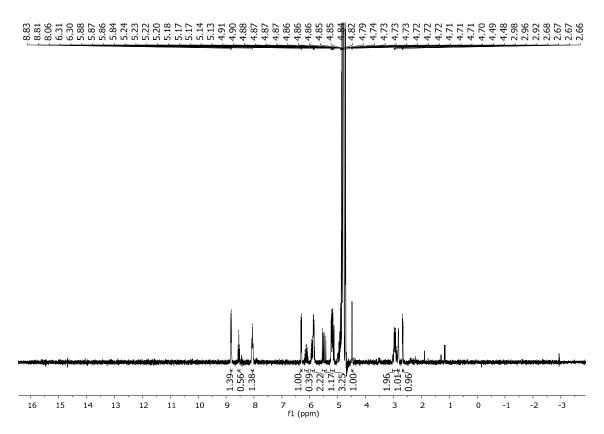


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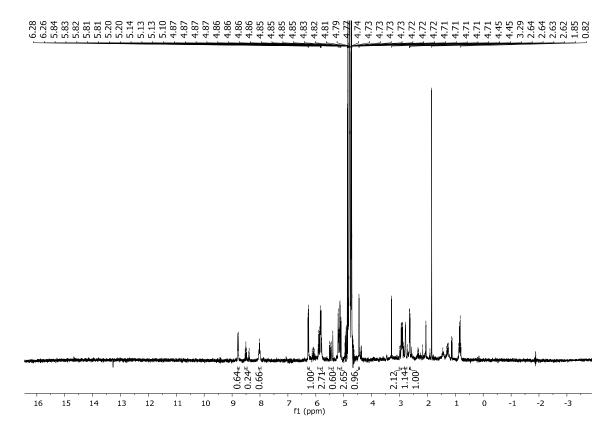


**Figure S15:** Comparison of the photoreaction of the allyl pyridinium salt, at Conc. 20, 40, 60, 80 mM using a QT6 [95 cm (l) × 0.6 cm (d)]: A) Conversion (%) and B) Productivity (mg/h).

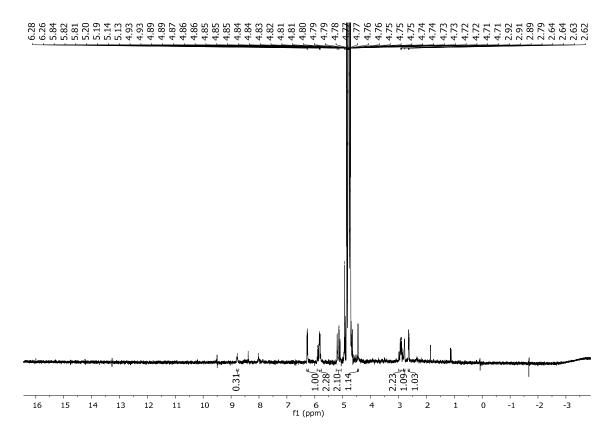
## Optimization of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuousflow conditions



**Figure S16:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.35 mL/min; rpm: 8.75; Residence time: 1.3 h; Conversion: 59%] on the PTQ6 (Table 2, Entry 1).



**Figure S17:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.21 mL/min; rpm: 5; Residence time: 2.3 h; Conversion: 75%] on the PTQ6 (Table 2, Entry 2).

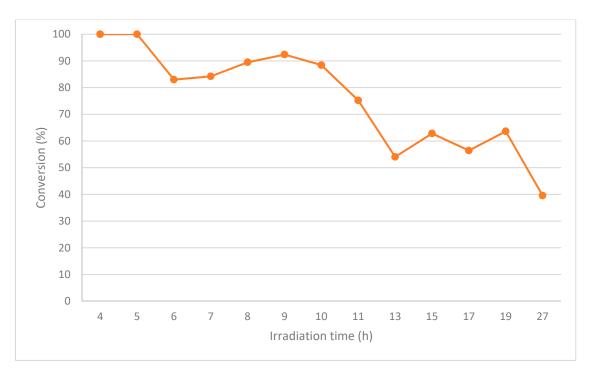


**Figure S18:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.14 mL/min; rpm: 3.5; Residence time: 3.3 h; Conversion: 93%] on the PTQ6 (Table 2, Entry 3).

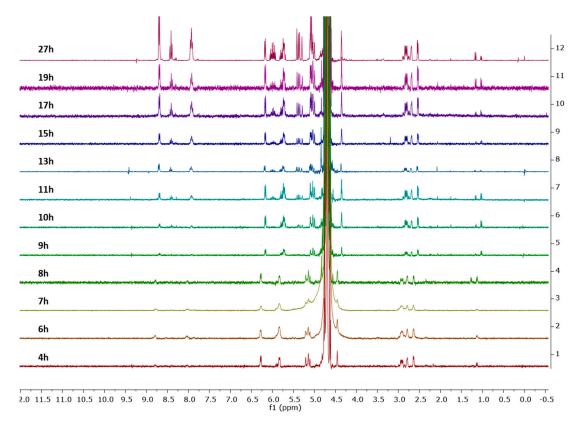
## Photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions. Table S8: Photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions<sup>1</sup>.

Entry	Irradiation time (h)	Fraction	Conv. (%) <sup>2</sup>	Cycle	Volume out of the reactor (mL)
1	0 - 4	0	49	0	350
2	4	F1	100	-	-
3	5	F2	$100^{3}$	-	-
4	6	F3	83	-	-
5	7	F4	84	-	-
6	8	F5	89	1	360
7	9	F6	92	-	-
8	10	F7	88	-	-
9	11	F8	75	-	-
10	13	F9	54	2	450
11	15	F10	63	-	-
12	17	F11	56	-	-
13	19	F12	64	3	550
14	27	F13	40	4	710

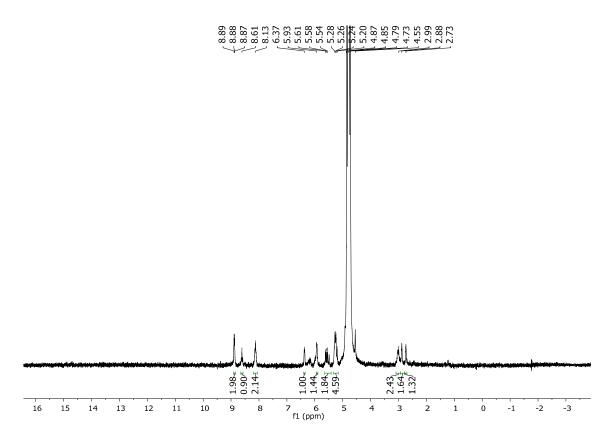
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Flow rate of 0.12 mL/min (3 rpm), residence time 4 h. <sup>2</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>3</sup>Data not showed



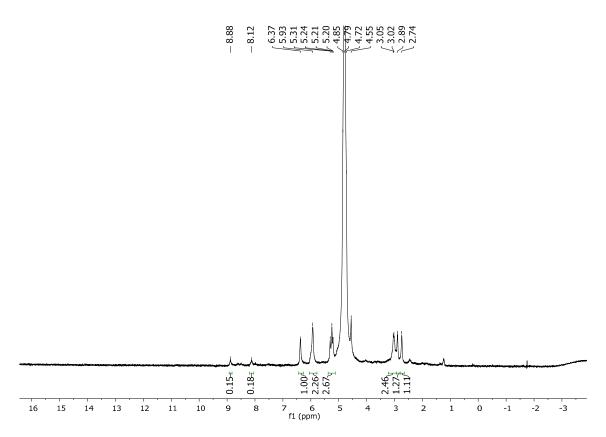
**Figure S19:** Conversion (%) for the continuous-photoflow of **1a** at 20 mM with 4 h of residence time using the PQT6 reactor.



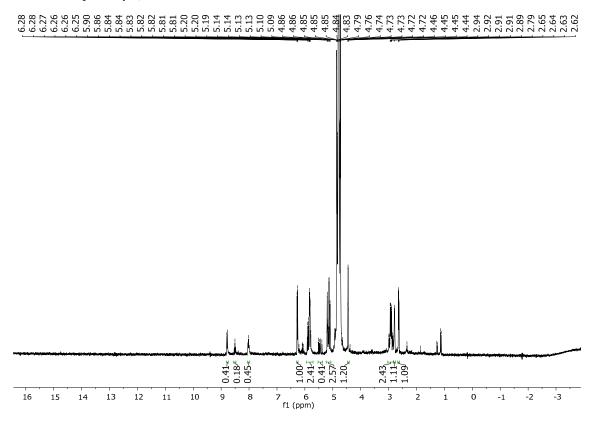
**Figure S20**: Overview of combined <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h] on the PTQ6 (Table S8, entries 2-14).



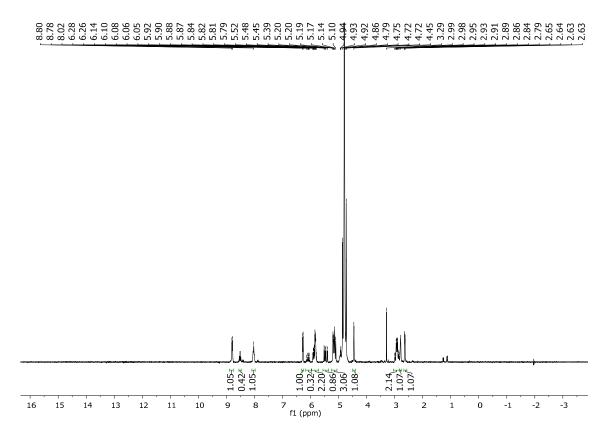
**Figure S21**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h; Conversion: 49%] on the PTQ6 (Table 3 of the manuscript, Entry 1).



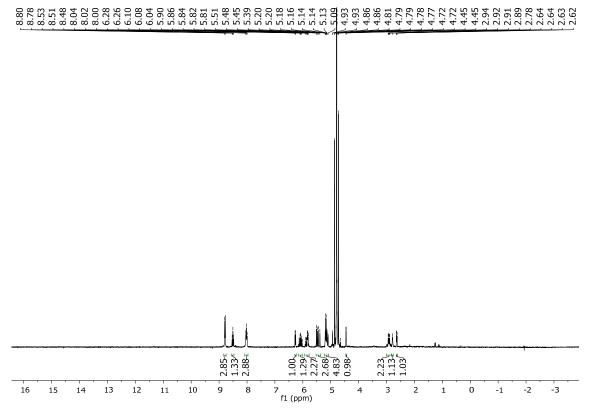
**Figure S22:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h; Conversion: 92%] on the PTQ6 (Table 3 of the manuscript, Entry 2)



**Figure S23:**  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h; Conversion: 83%] on the PTQ6 (Table 3 of the manuscript, Entry 2)



**Figure S24:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h; Conversion: 66%] on the PTQ6 (Table 3 of the manuscript, Entry 4)



**Figure S25:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of photochemical transformation of 1a to 2a under continuous-flow conditions [Flow rate: 0.12 mL/min; rpm: 3; Residence time: 4h; Conversion: 41%] on the PTQ6 (Table 3 of the manuscript, Entry 5)

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

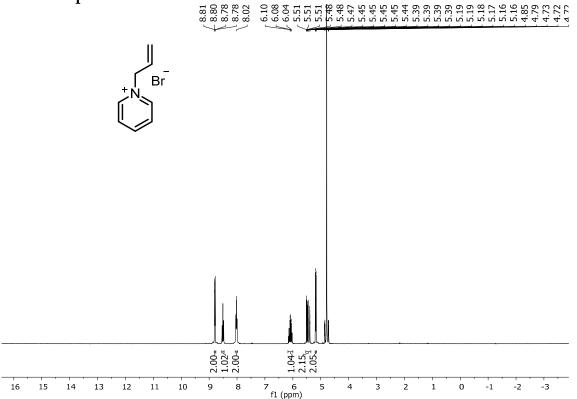
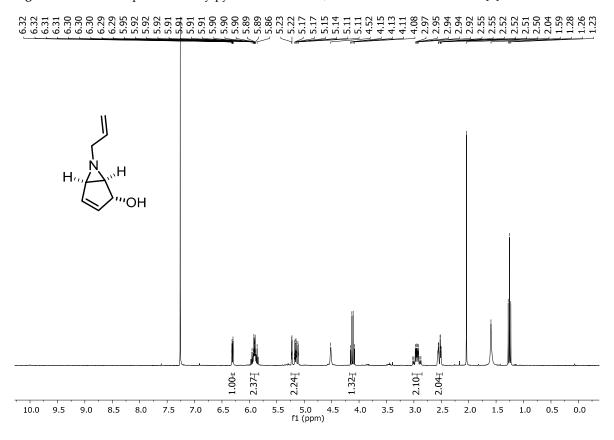


Figure S26: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1-allylpyridinium bromide, in accordance with literature [7].



**Figure S27**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 6-allyl-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hex-3-en-2-ol, in accordance with literature [7].