A unique electron-accepting analog of vitamin K_1 found in photosystem I in several species of oxygenic photosynthetic microorganisms was confirmed to be 5'-hydroxyphylloquinone (1) through stereo-uncontrolled synthesis. Furthermore, the stereochemistry of 1 obtained from *Synechococcus* sp. PCC 7942 was assigned to be 5'S using proline-catalyzed stereocontrolled reactions.

Polar vitamin K_1 (1) was synthesized. Stereochemistry of natural 1 was determined to be (5'S) after a derivation, where the same derivative was also synthesized.

