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The symbiont dinoflagellate *Amphidinium* is an incredible biological manufacturing unit. According to our knowledge, 35 interesting molecules, termed Amphidinolides, have been isolated from *Amphidinium* sp. In 1989, Kobayashi discovered at least 10 Amphidinolides (A-J) that show cytotoxic activities against murine leukemia P388, L1210 cells and human epidermoid carcinoma KB cells. Four years later, Kobayashi isolated a new molecule, Amphidinolide K. Three total syntheses of Amphidinolide K have been reported by Williams, Lee and Vilarrasa. One of the big challenges is the *exo*-methylene THF pattern. We became interested in the synthesis of this molecule after discovery of a fortuitous ring contraction by the Marko group that allows ready access to *exo*-methylene THF moieties. Combined with the ene-IMSC sequence, this methodology represents a powerful tool to synthesize the THF ring of Amphidinolide K. Based on this idea, our approach towards this target involved a 3-fragment disconnection. The coupling of these units, based on *in-situ* hydroboration for Miyaura-Suzuki cross coupling and Julia-Kociensky olefination was investigated.

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