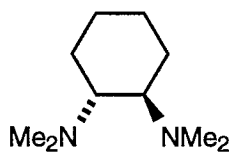
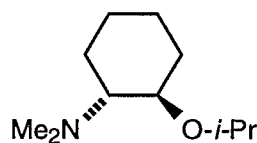


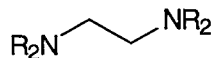
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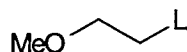
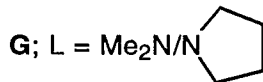
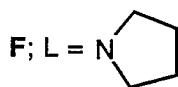


**C**



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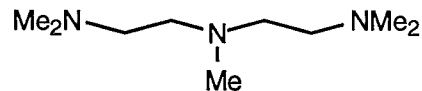
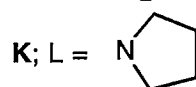
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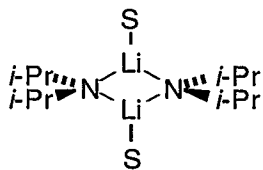
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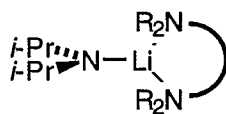
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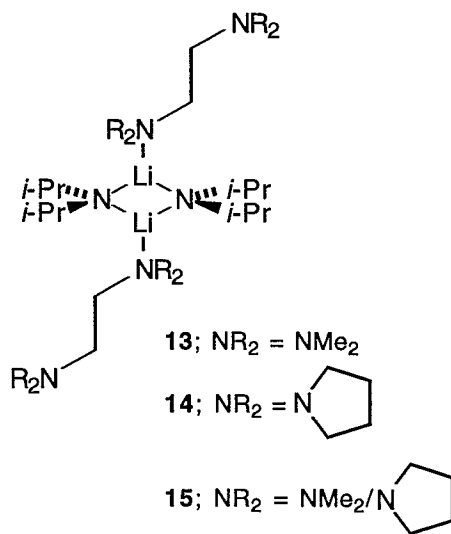
**L** (PMDTA)



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- 2; S = Et<sub>2</sub>O
- 3; S = *n*-BuOMe
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- 7; S = 2,2-Me<sub>2</sub>THF



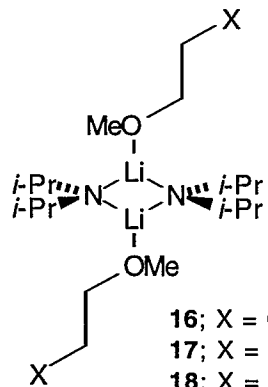
- 8; diamine = **A**
- 9; diamine = **F**
- 10; diamine = **G**
- 11; diamine = **B**
- 12; diamine = **E**



13; NR<sub>2</sub> = NMe<sub>2</sub>

14; NR<sub>2</sub> = N

15; NR<sub>2</sub> = NMe<sub>2</sub>/N

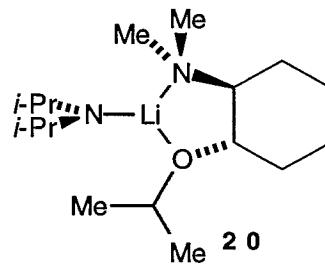


16; X = OMe

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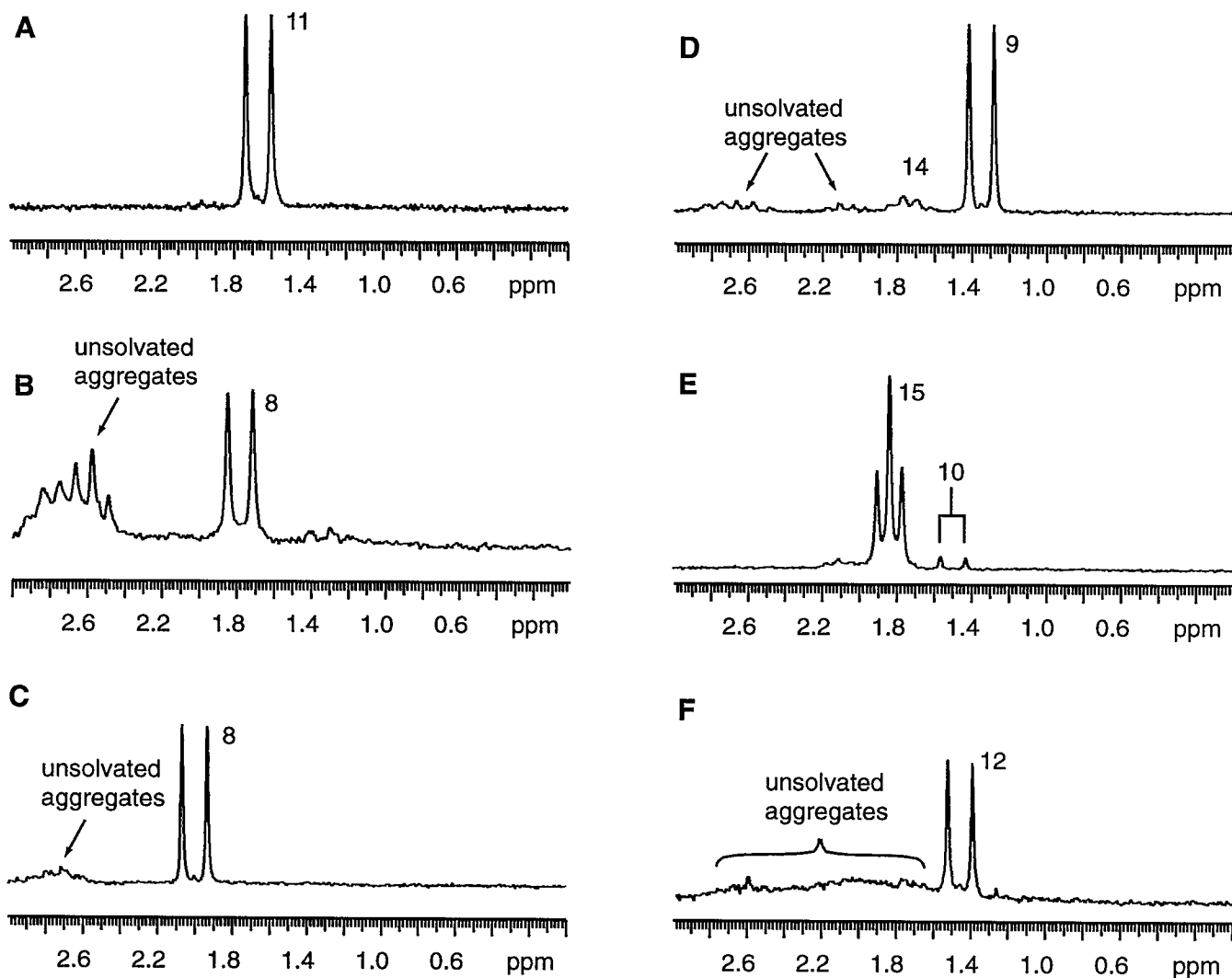


Figure I.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  $[{}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA; (B) 1.5 equiv of sparteine; (C) 5.0 equiv of sparteine; (D) 2.0 equiv of dipyrrolidinoethane; (E) 2.0 equiv of **G**; (F) 5.0 equiv of **E** (TEEDA).

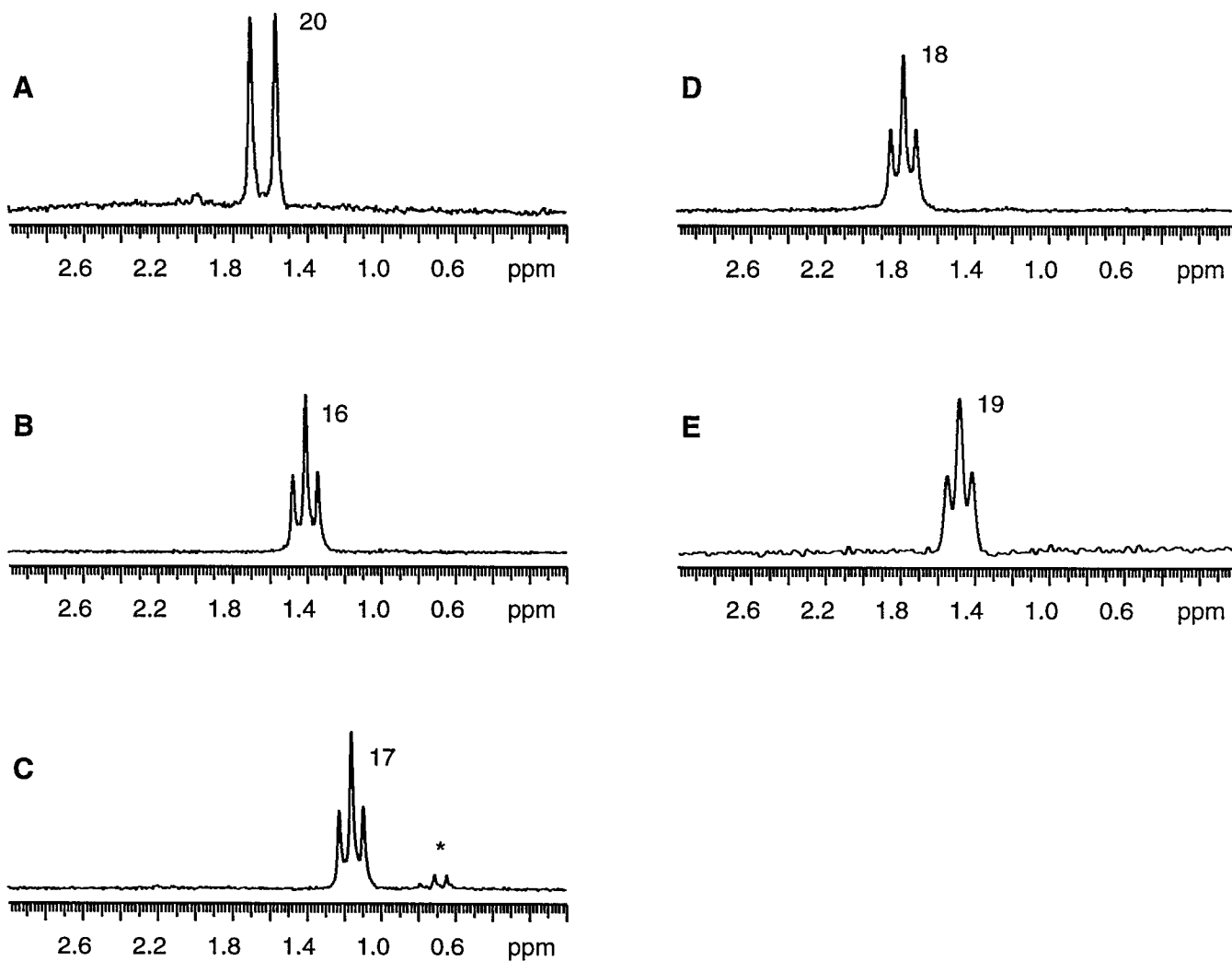


Figure II.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10  $M$  [ ${}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}$ ]LDA in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 2 equiv of **C**; (B) 2 equiv of DME; (C) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$  (\*denotes possible decomposition derived LDA-LiX mixed dimer); (D) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (E) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ .

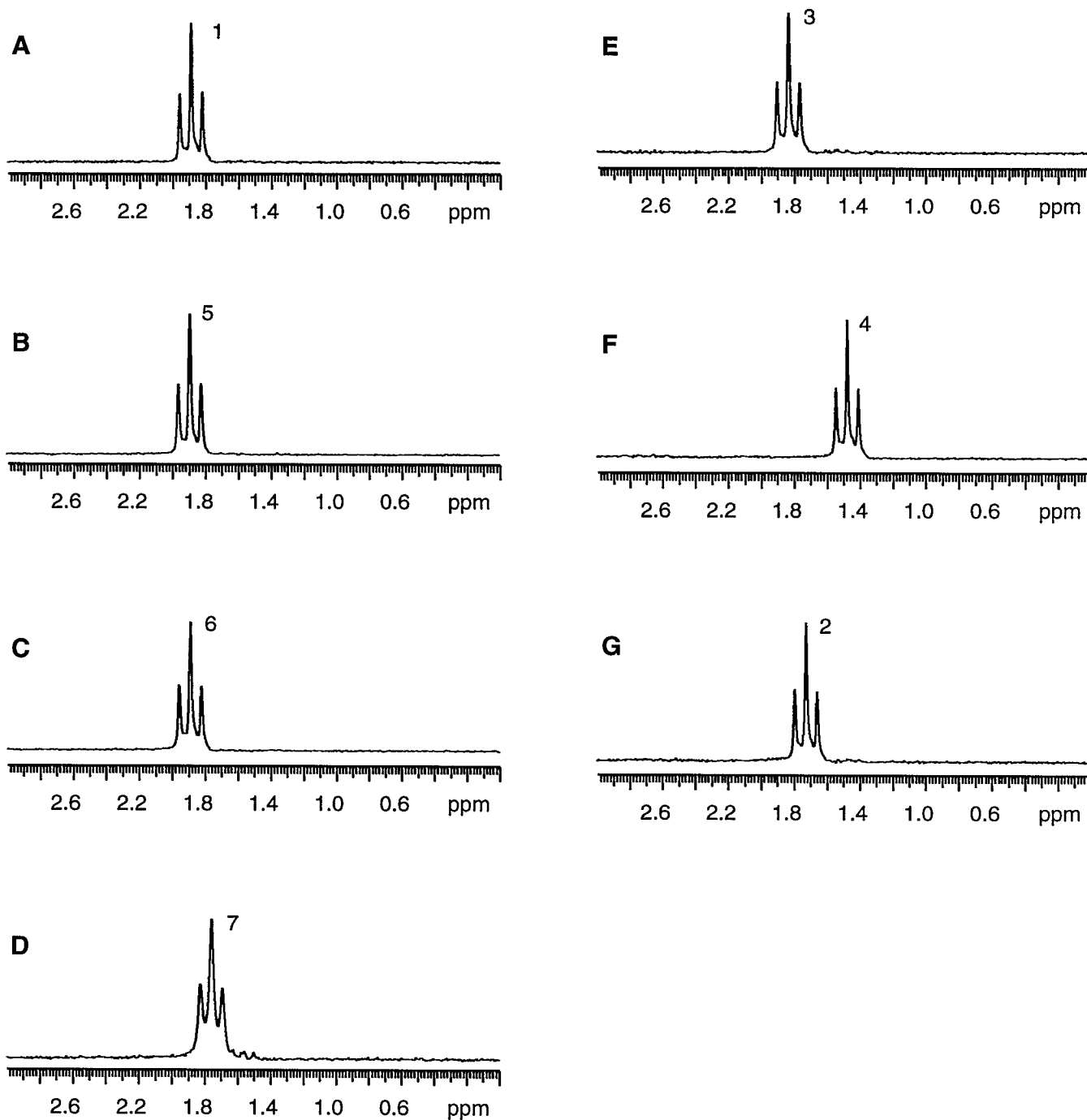


Figure III.  $^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing  $0.10 \text{ M}$   $[\text{}^6\text{Li}, \text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 4 equiv of THF; (B) 4 equiv of THP; (C) 2 equiv of 2-MeTHF; (D) 4 equiv of 2,2-Me<sub>2</sub>THF; (E) 2 equiv of *n*-BuOMe; (F) 5 equiv of *t*-BuOMe; (G) 4 equiv of Et<sub>2</sub>O.

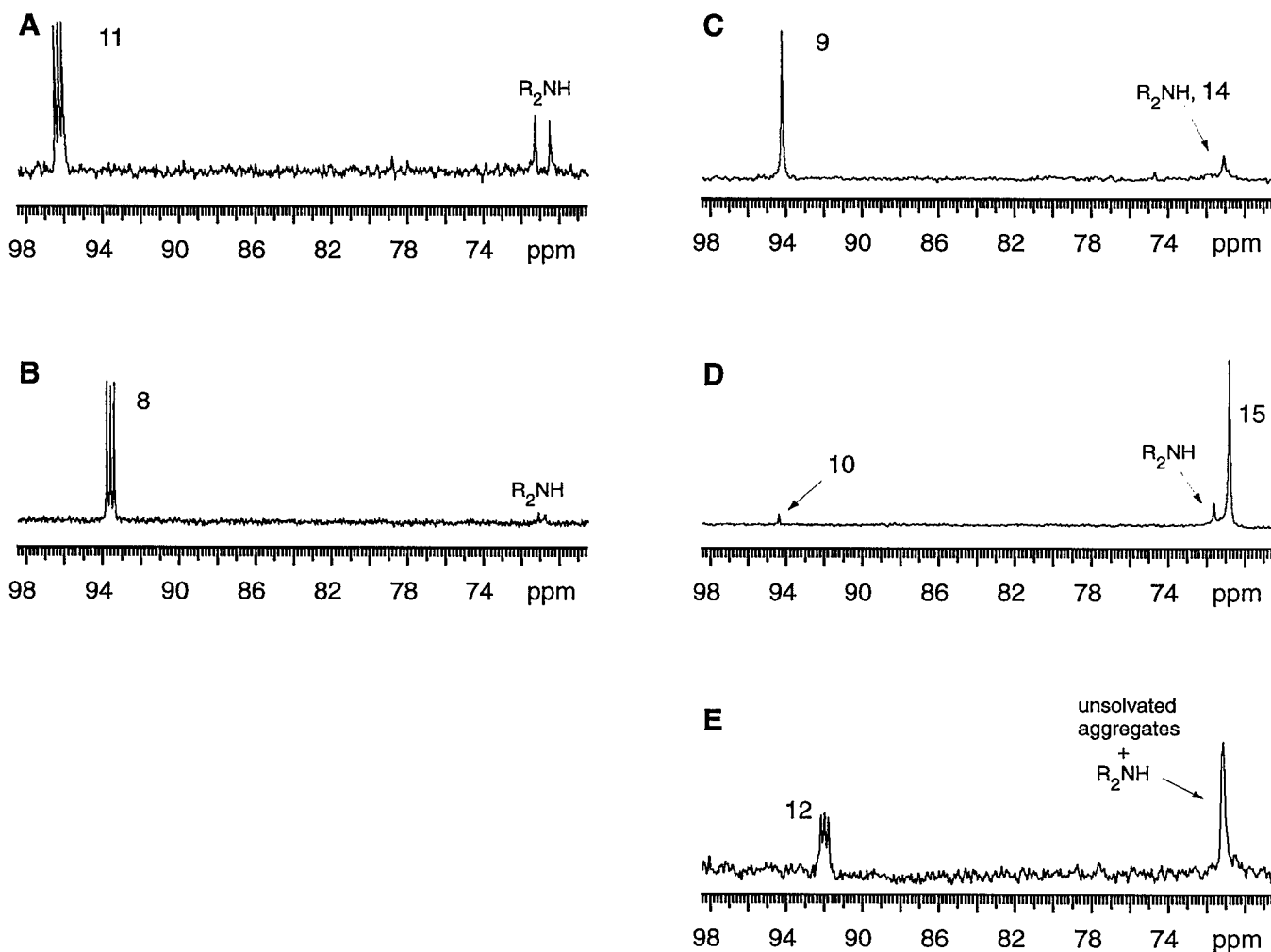


Figure IV.  $^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing  $0.10\text{ M}$   $[\text{}^6\text{Li}, \text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA; (B) 5.0 equiv of sparteine; (C) 2.0 equiv of dipyrrolidinoethane ( $^6\text{Li}$  decoupled); (D) 2.0 equiv of **G**; (E) 5.0 equiv of **E**.

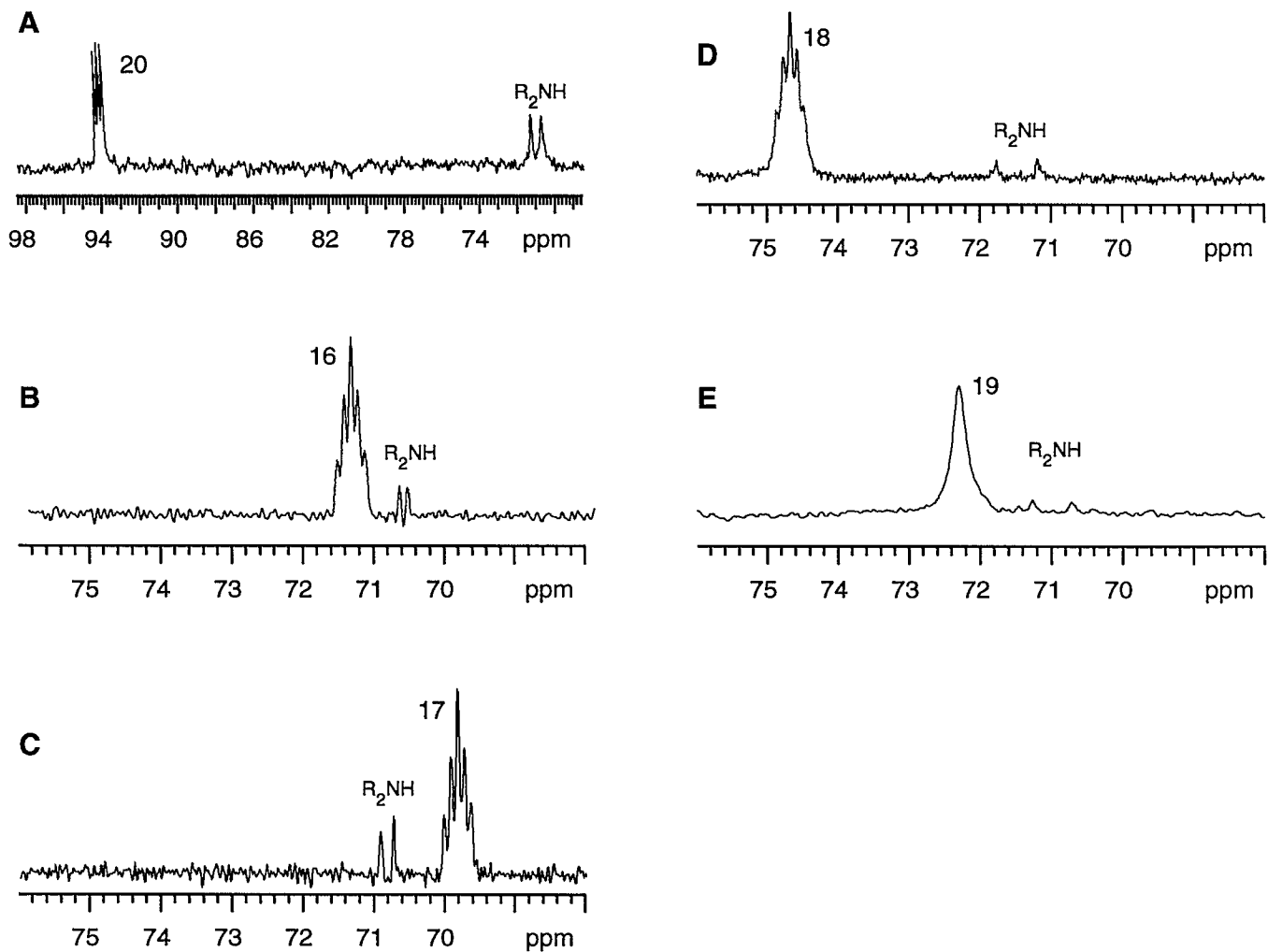


Figure V.  $^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  $[^6\text{Li},^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 2 equiv of **C** ; (B) 2 equiv of DME; (C) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$ ; (D) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (E) 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ .

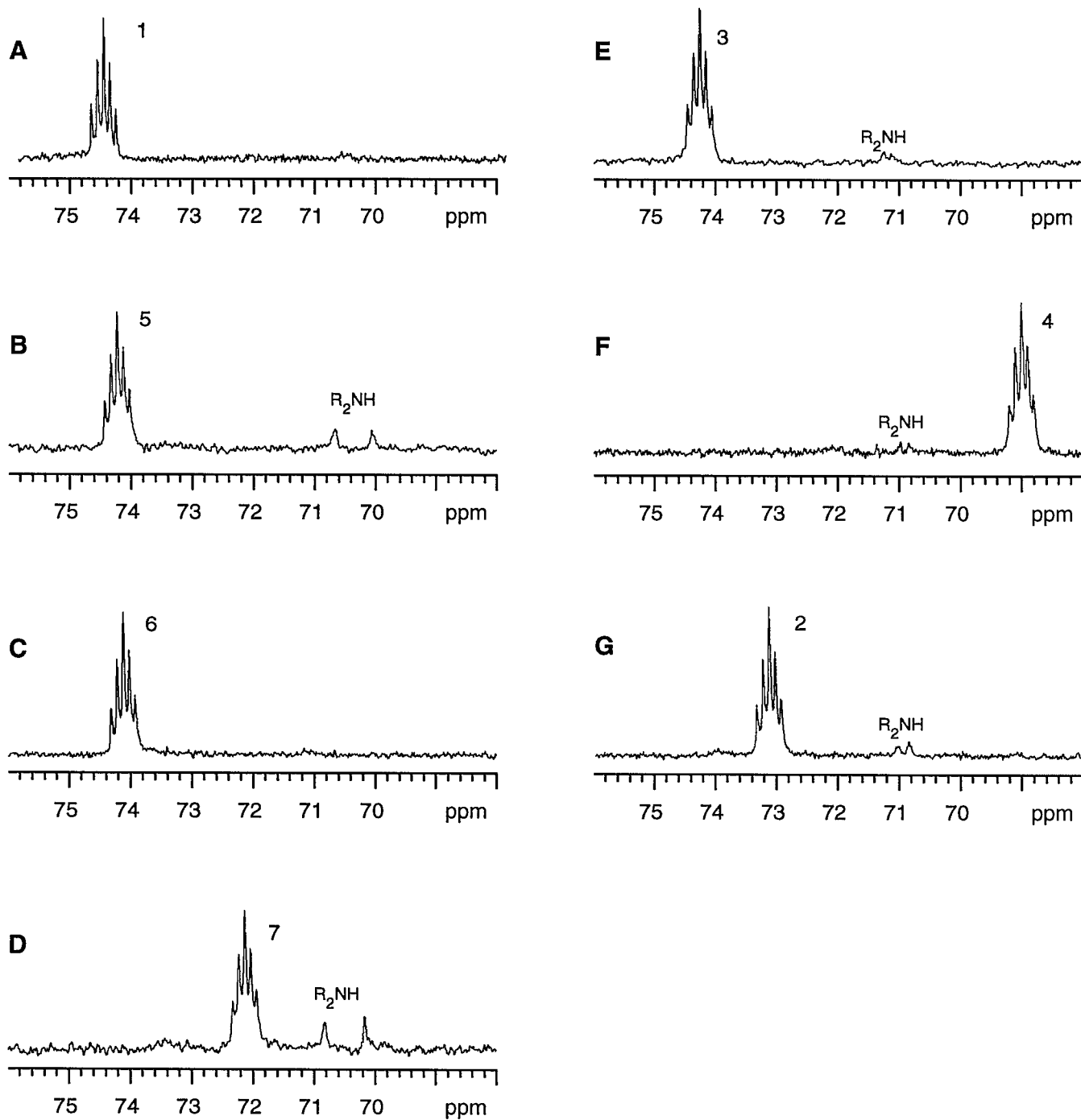


Figure VI.  $^{15}\text{N}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing  $0.10 \text{ M}$   $[\text{}^6\text{Li}, \text{}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 4 equiv of THF; (B) 4 equiv of 2,2-Me<sub>2</sub>THF; (C) 4 equiv of THP; (D) 2 equiv of 2-MeTHF; (E) 2 equiv of *n*-BuOMe; (F) 5 equiv of *t*-BuOMe; (G) 4 equiv of Et<sub>2</sub>O.

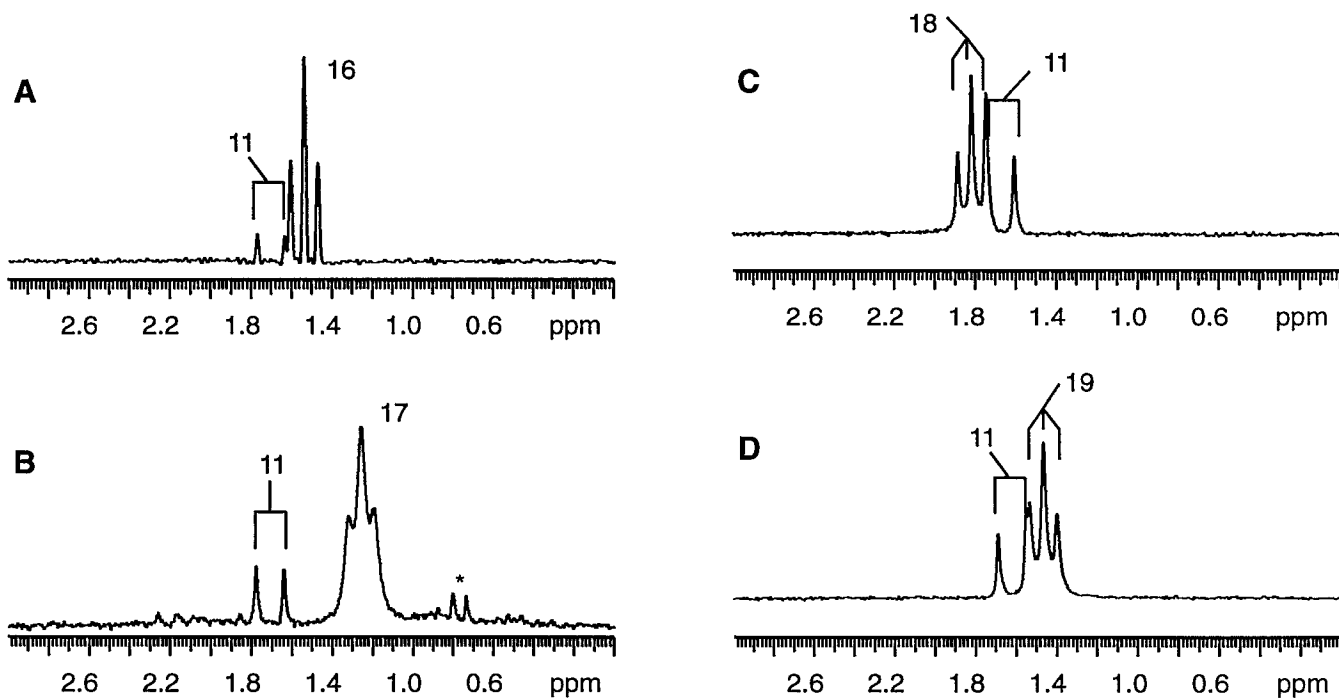


Figure VII.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing  $0.10\text{ M}$   $[{}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of DME; (B) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$ ; (C) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (D) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ .



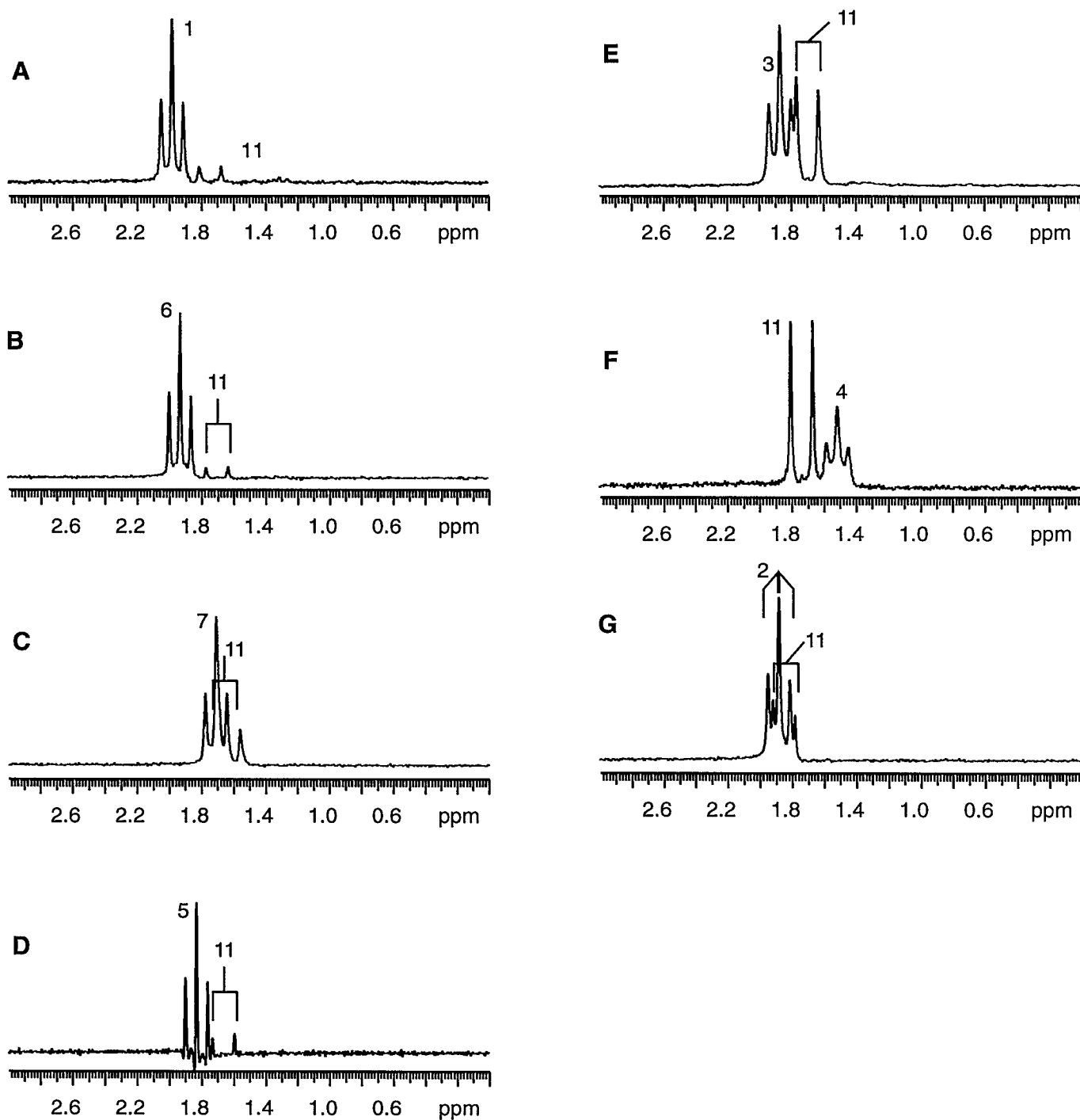


Figure VIII.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  $[{}^6\text{Li}, {}^{15}\text{N}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 10 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of THF; (B) 10 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of THP; (C) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of 2-MeTHF; (D) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 4 equiv of 2,2-Me<sub>2</sub>THF; (E) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 2 equiv of *n*-BuOMe; (F) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 5 equiv of *t*-BuOMe; (G) 2 equiv of TMCDA and 20 equiv of Et<sub>2</sub>O.

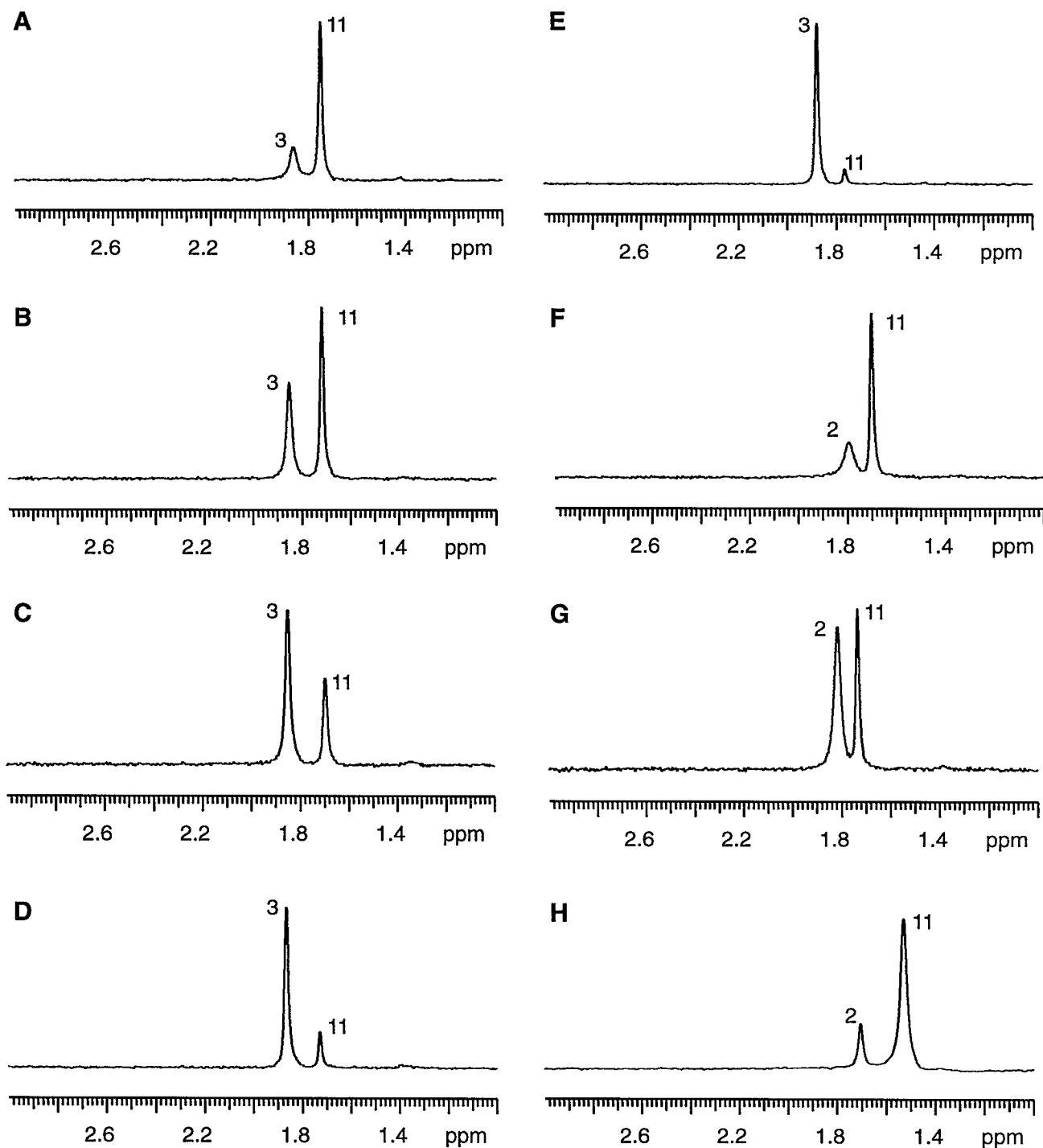


Figure IX.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$ ]LDA in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv *n*-BuOMe; (B) 5.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv *n*-BuOMe; (C) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv *n*-BuOMe; (D) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 5.0 equiv *n*-BuOMe; (E) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 10.0 equiv *n*-BuOMe; (F) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 5.0 equiv  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ; (G) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 10.0 equiv  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ; (H) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 20.0 equiv  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ .

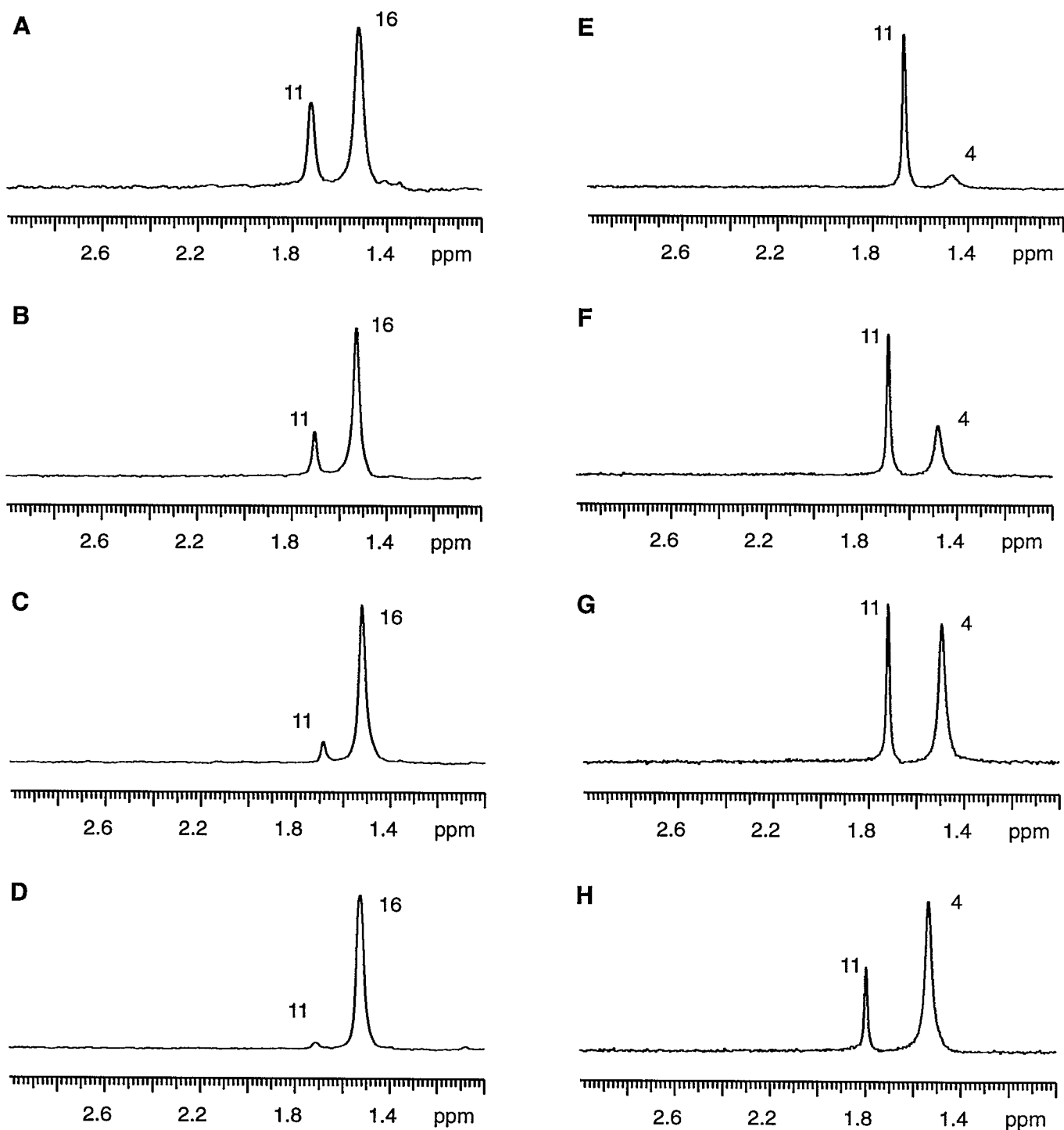


Figure X.  $^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing  $0.10\text{ M}$   $[\text{Li}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv DME; (B) 5.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv DME; (C) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv DME; (D) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 5.0 equiv DME; (E) 5.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv *t*-BuOMe; (F) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv *t*-BuOMe; (G) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 5.0 equiv *t*-BuOMe; (H) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 10.0 equiv *t*-BuOMe.

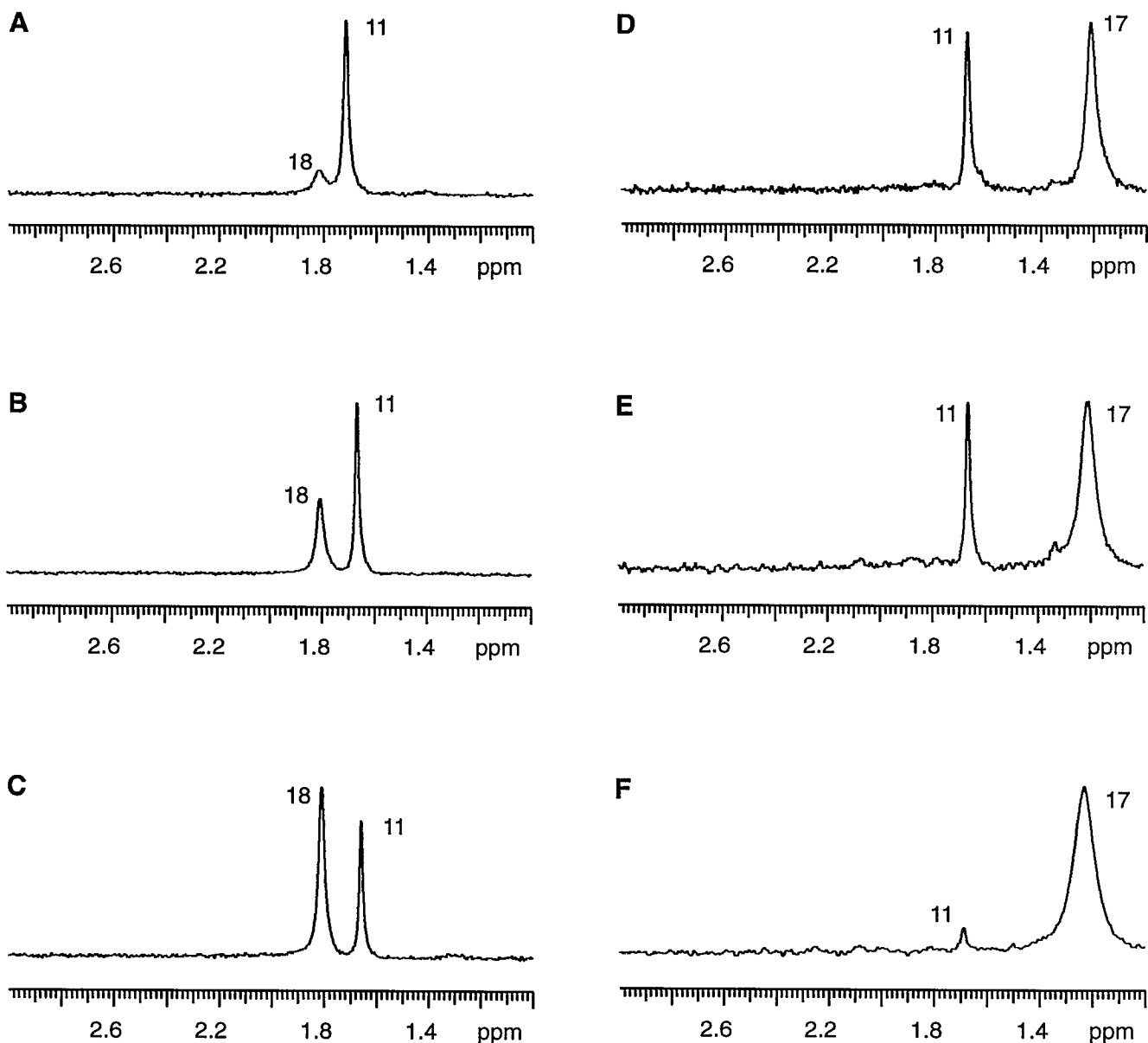


Figure XI.  ${}^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  ${}^6\text{Li}$ ]LDA in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 15.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (B) 5.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (C) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (D) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$ ; (E) 5.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$ ; (F) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 5.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NMe}_2$ .

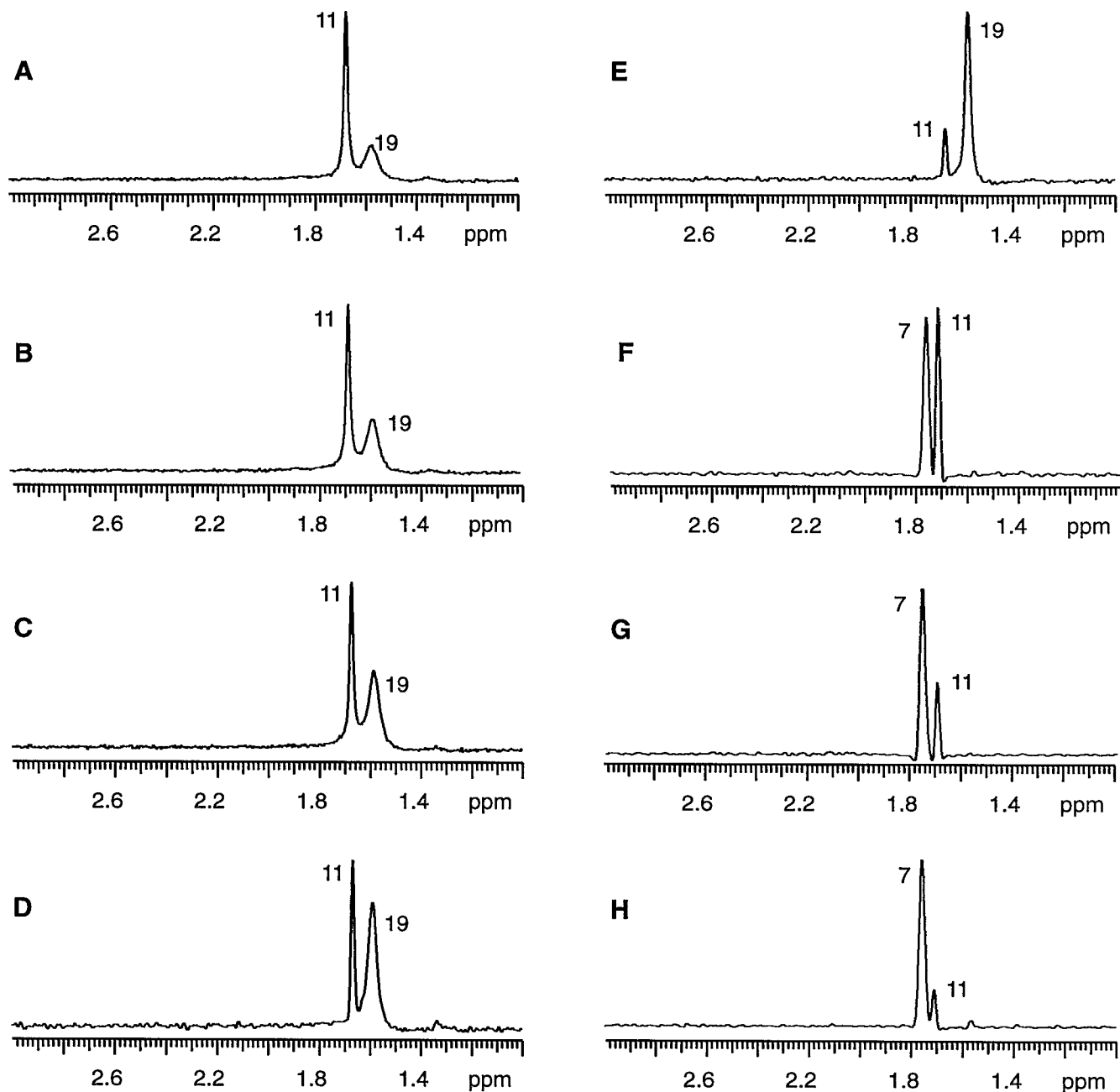


Figure XII.  $^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 8.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; (B) 6.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; (C) 4.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; (D) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; (E) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 4.0 equiv  $\text{MeO}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ ; (F) 4.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2,2- $\text{Me}_2\text{THF}$ ; (G) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2,2- $\text{Me}_2\text{THF}$ ; (H) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 4.0 equiv 2,2- $\text{Me}_2\text{THF}$ .

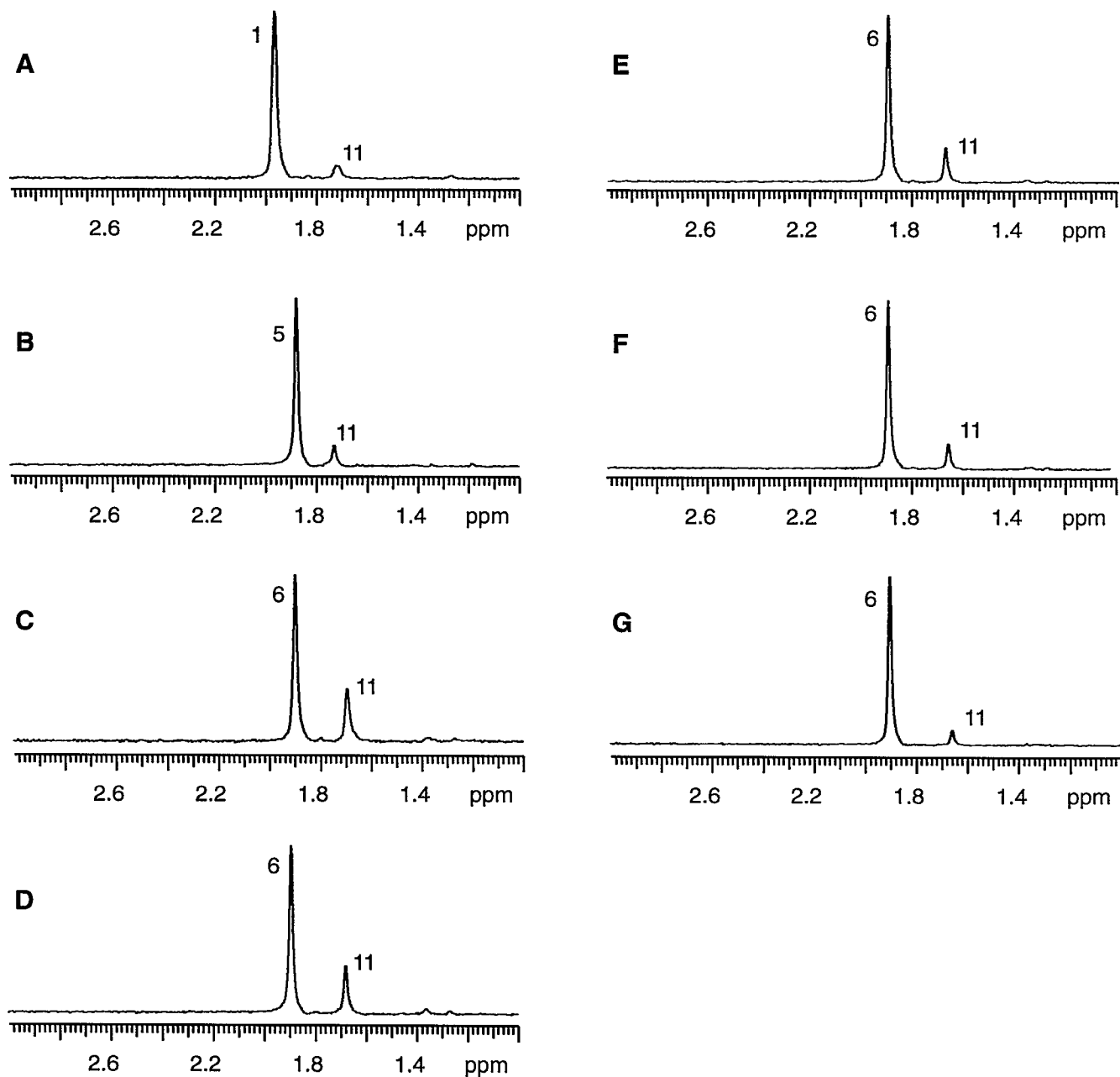


Figure XIII.  $^6\text{Li}$  NMR spectra recorded on samples containing 0.10 M  $[\text{}^6\text{Li}]\text{LDA}$  in 2:1 toluene:pentane at  $-80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The samples also contain: (A) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv THF; (B) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv THP; (C) 10.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2-MeTHF; (D) 8.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2-MeTHF; (E) 6.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2-MeTHF; (F) 4.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2-MeTHF; (G) 2.0 equiv of TMCDA and 2.0 equiv 2-MeTHF.

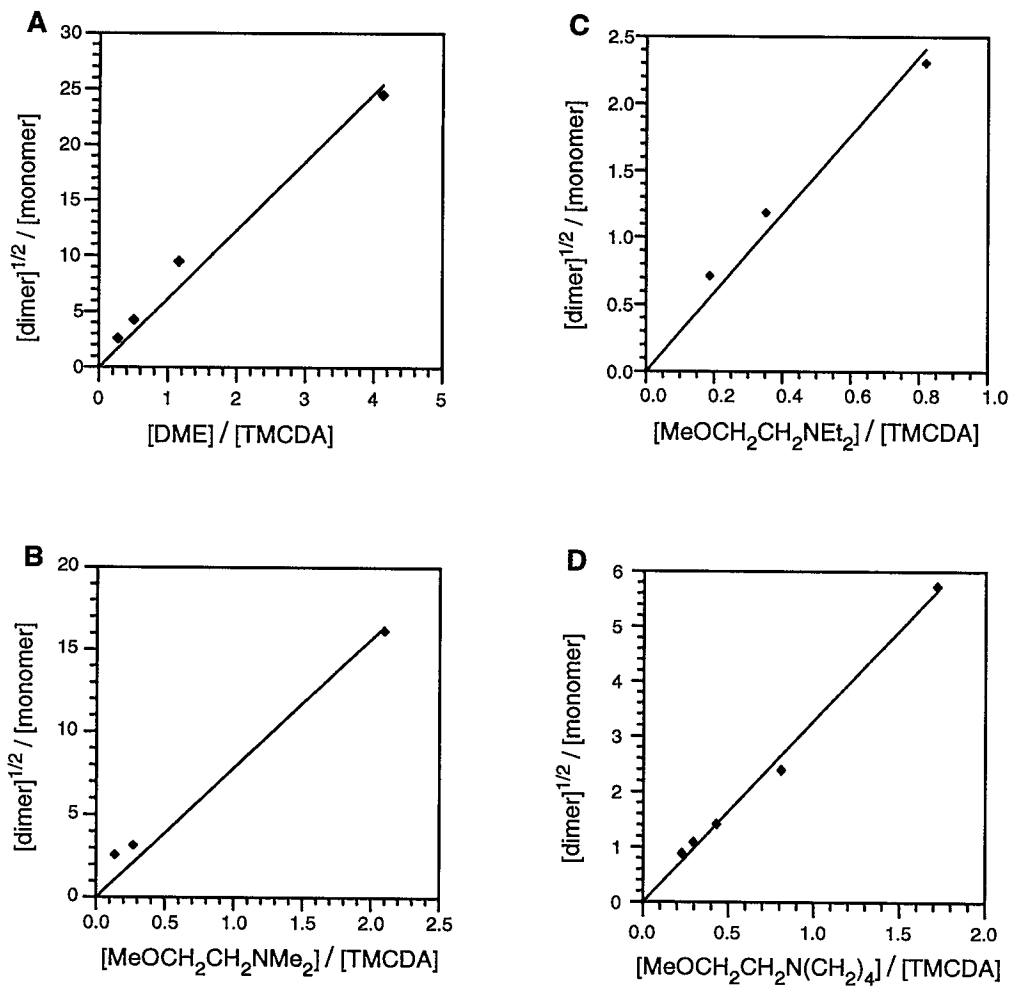


Figure XIV. Determination of the relative binding constants,  $K_{eq}$ , of etheral ligands to LDA dimer. The functions represent linear least-squares fits to eq (2) in the manuscript. The plots show data for the following etheral ligands: (A) DME; (B)  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NMe}_2$ ; (C)  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2$ ; (D)  $\text{MeOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_4$ .

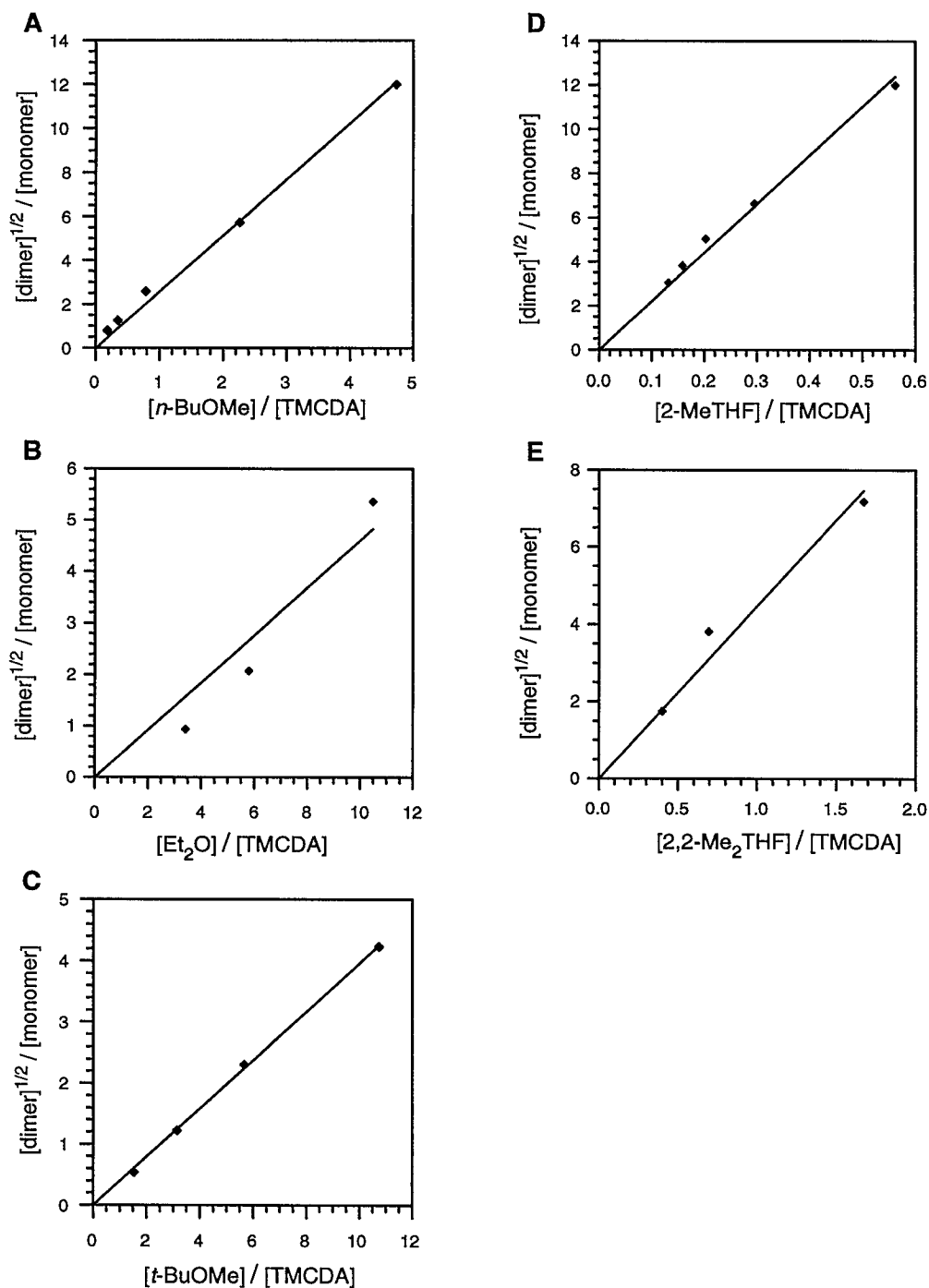


Figure XV. Determination of the relative binding constants,  $K_{eq}$ , of ethereal ligands to LDA dimer. The functions represent linear least-squares fits to eq (2) in the manuscript. The plots show data for the following ethereal ligands: (A) *n*-BuOMe; (B) Et<sub>2</sub>O; (C) *t*-BuOMe; (D) 2-MeTHF; (E) 2,2-Me<sub>2</sub>THF.



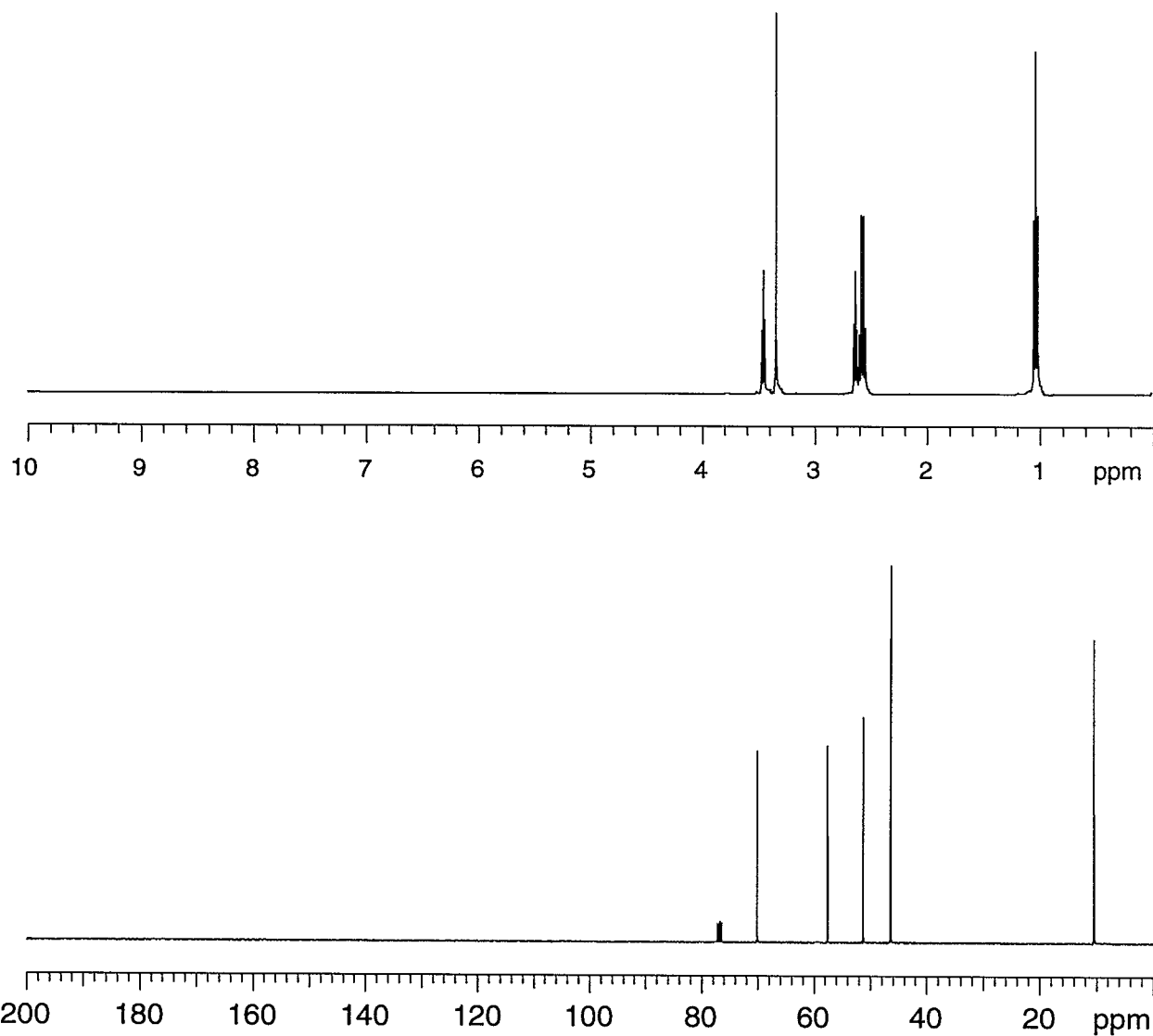


Figure XVIA. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NEt<sub>2</sub> (J) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.03 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 6H), 2.56 (quartet, J=7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.63 (t, J=6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, J=6.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 10.8, 46.7, 51.5, 57.8, 70.4.

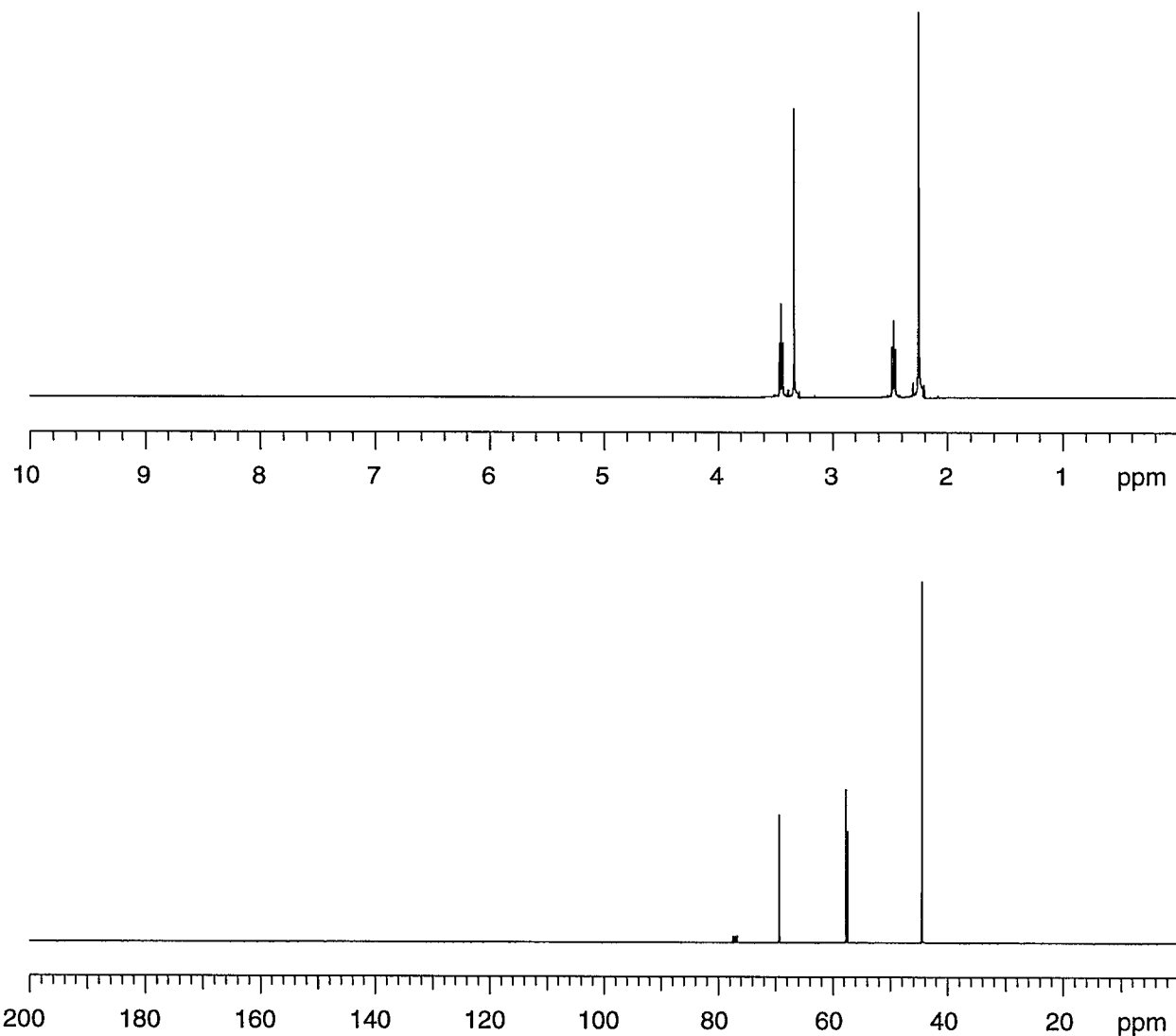


Figure XVIB. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub> (I) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.47 (t, J=5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, J=5.7Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 44.5, 57.4, 57.6, 69.3.

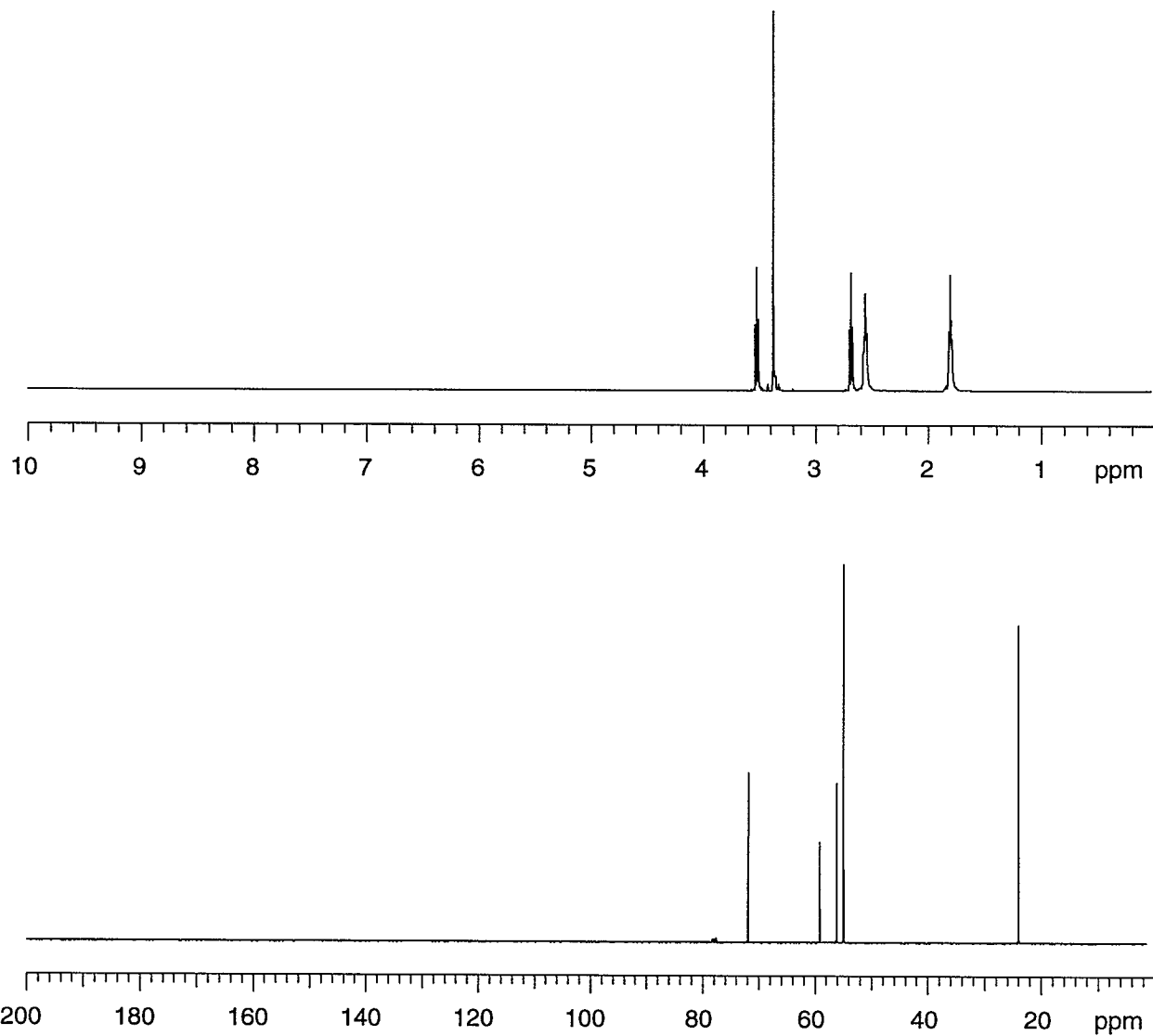


Figure XVIC. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for MeOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (K) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.78 (br m, 4H), 2.54 (br m, 4H), 2.66 (t, J=5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.50 (t, J=5.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.8, 53.9, 55.1, 58.2, 71.0.

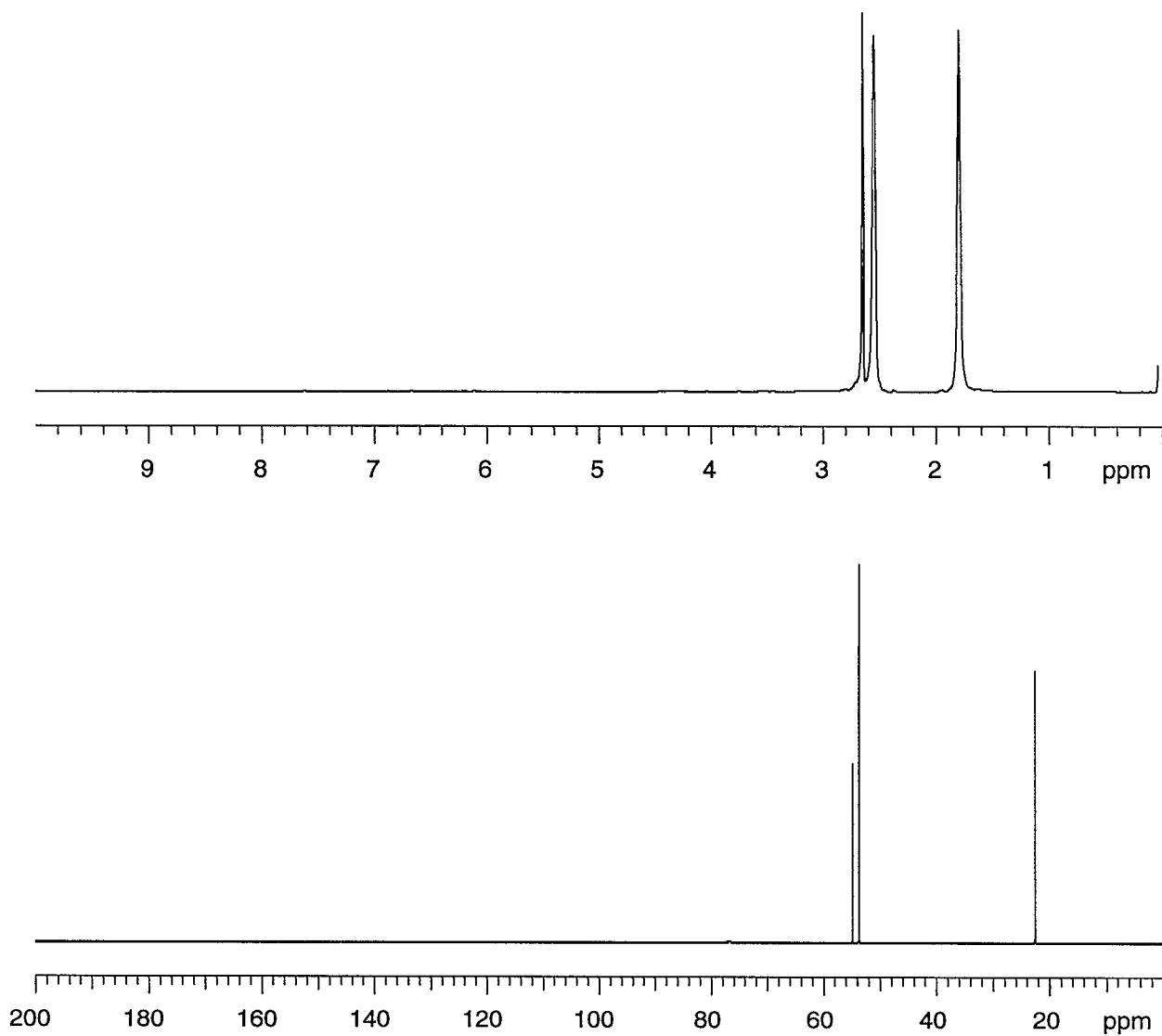


Figure XVID. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for dipyrrolidinoethane (F) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.77 (br m, 8H), 2.52 (br m, 8H), 2.62 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.7, 53.8, 54.9.

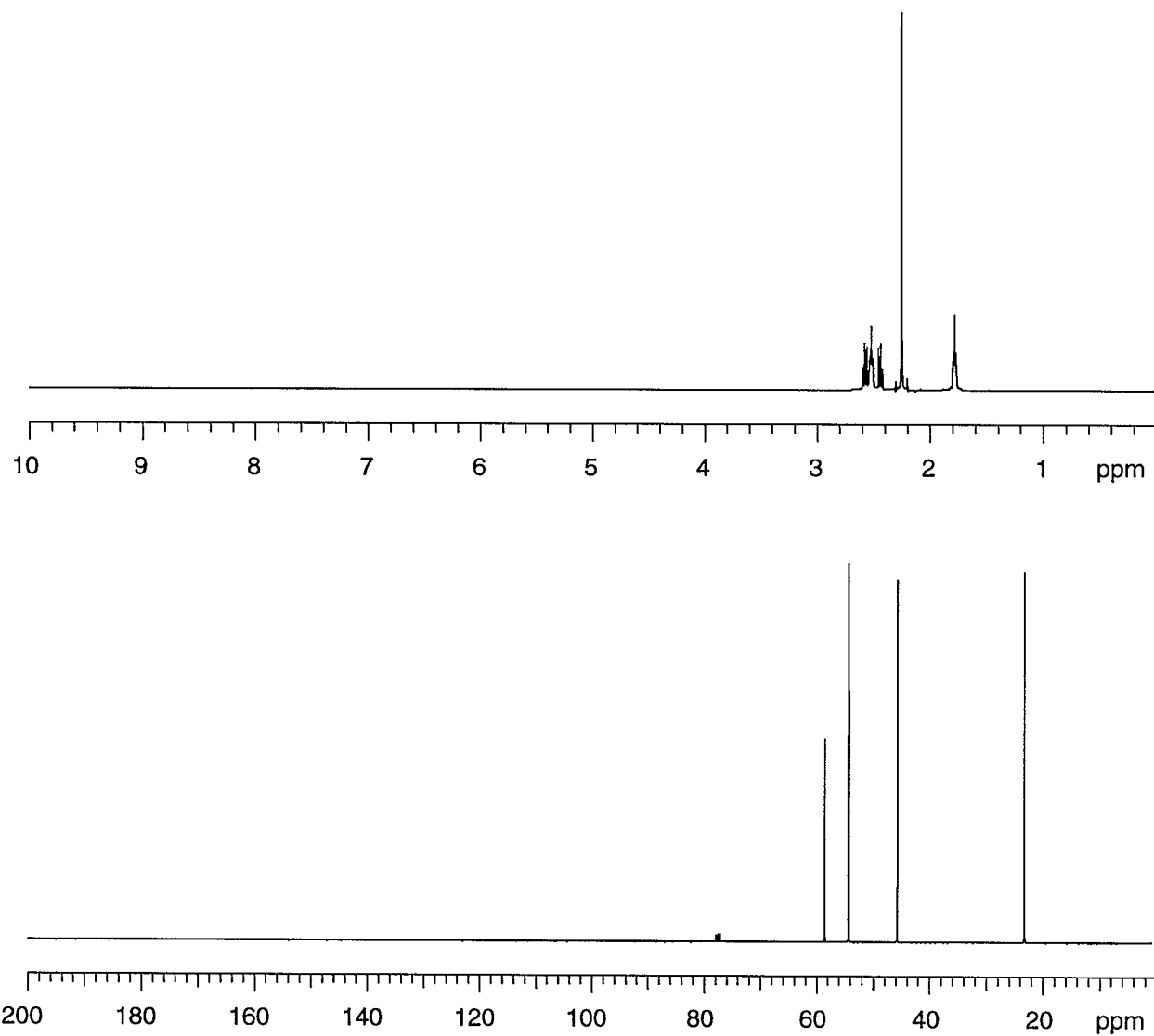


Figure XVII. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for 2-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)pyrrolidinoethane (**G**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.77 (br m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.43 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (br m, 4H), 2.57 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.6, 45.1, 53.7, 58.0.

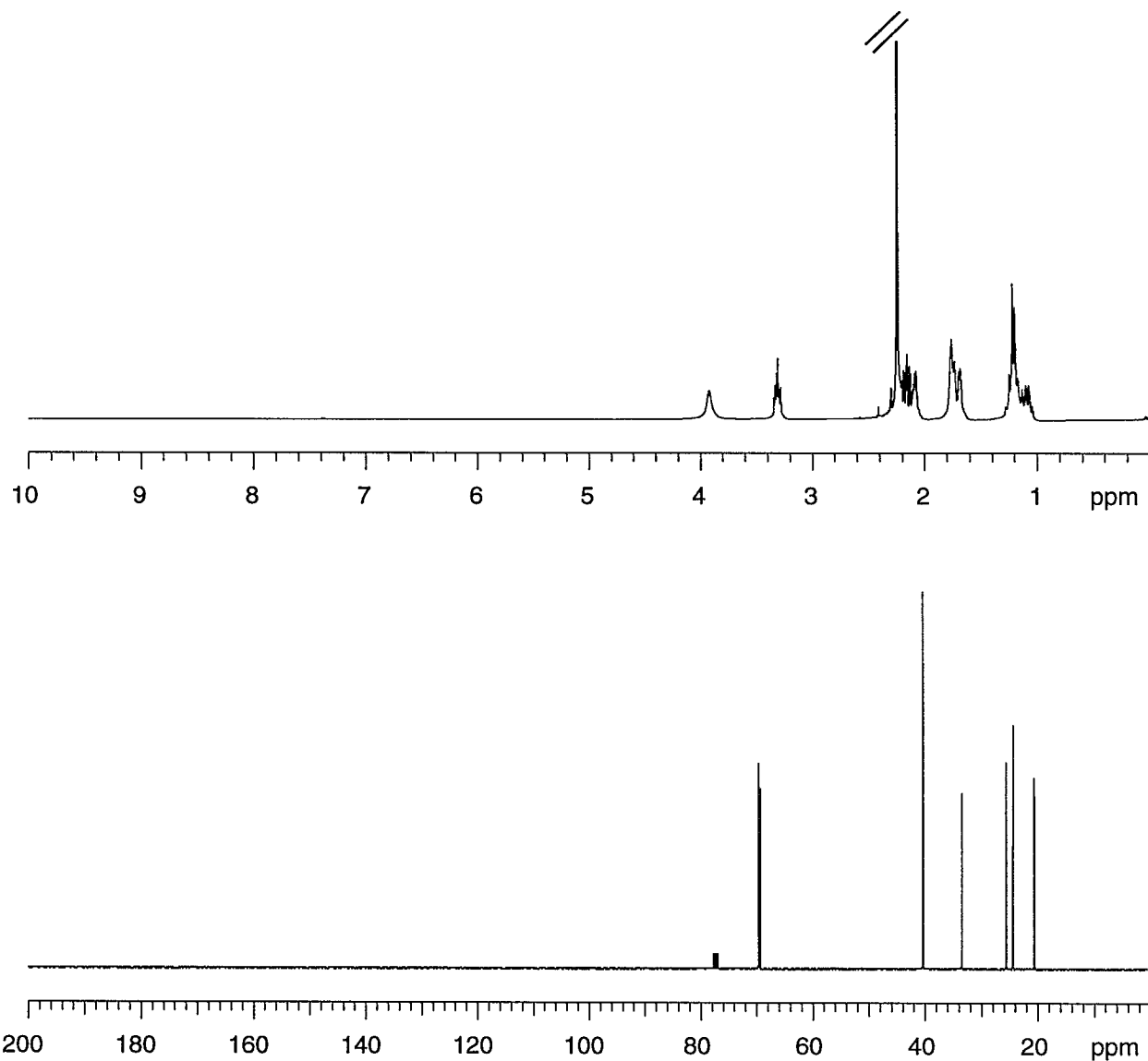


Figure XVIF.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra for *trans*-2-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)cyclohexanol in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.10 (m, 1H), 1.23 (m, 3H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.94 (broad singlet, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.1, 23.9, 25.1, 33.0, 39.9, 69.1, 69.3.

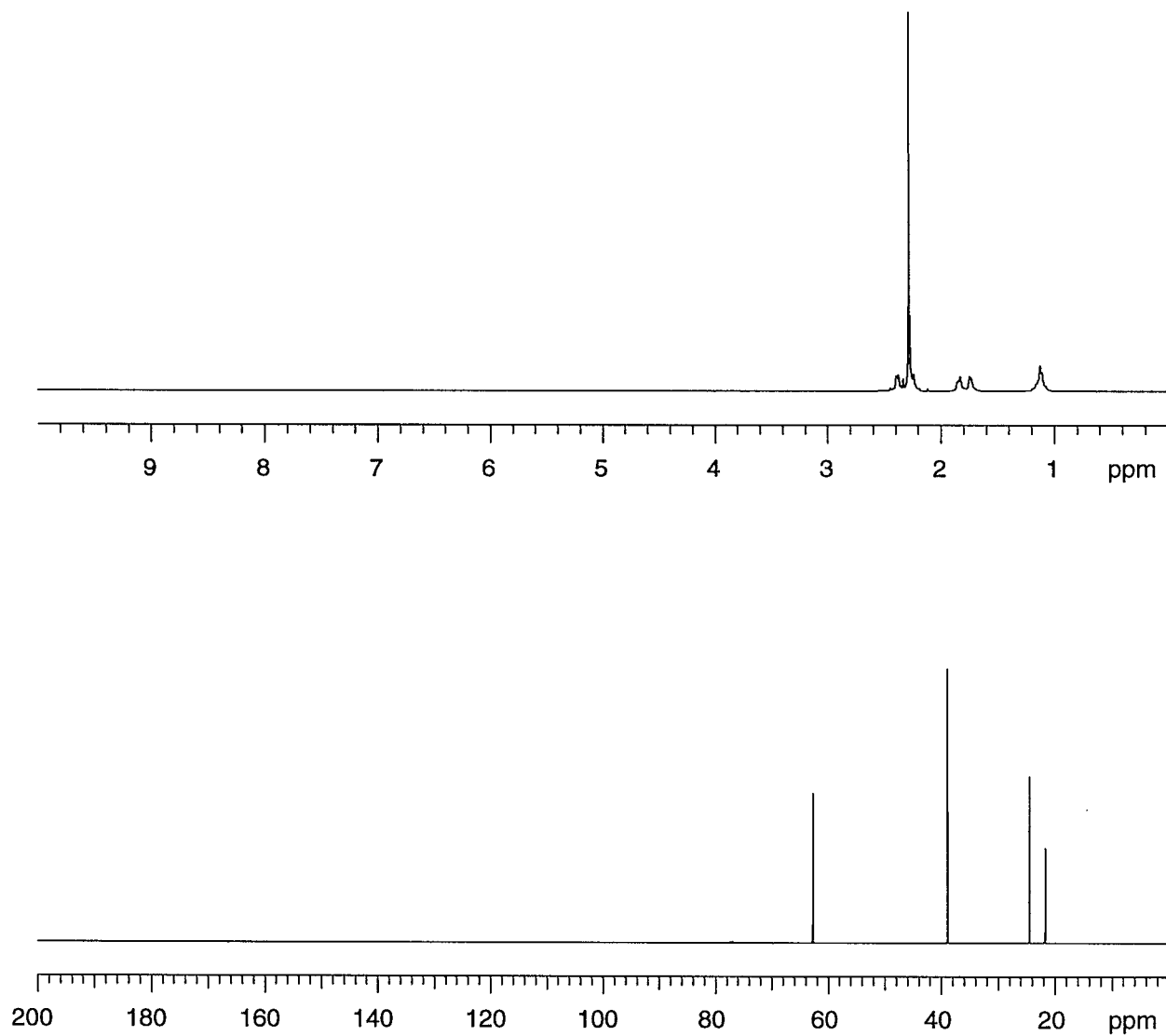


Figure XVIG. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for TMCDA (**B**) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ1.11 (br m, 4H), 1.74 (br m, 2H), 1.84 (br m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 12H), 2.38 (br m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ21.7, 24.5, 38.9, 62.7.

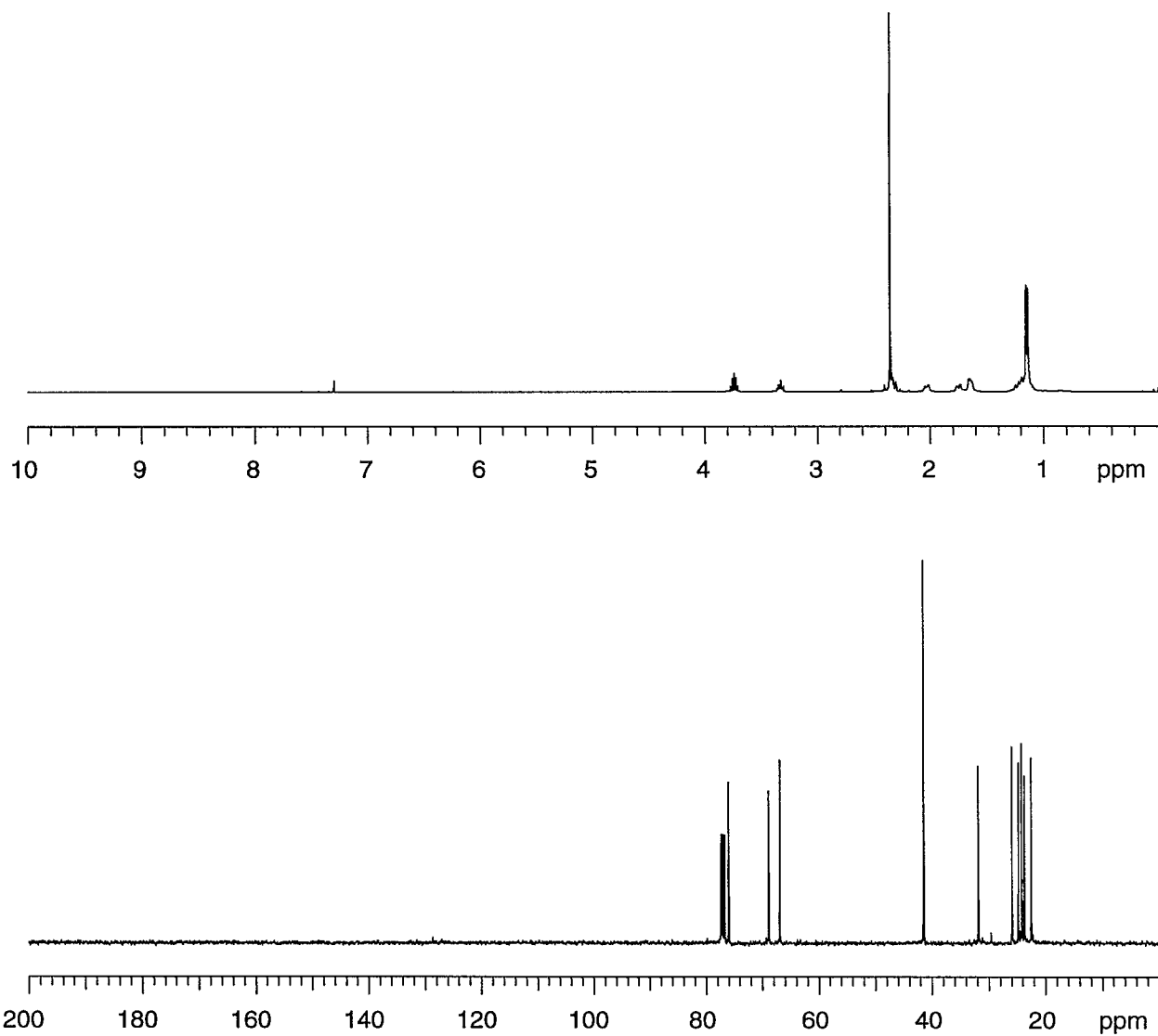


Figure XVIIH. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for *trans*-2-isopropoxy-*N,N*-dimethylaminocyclohexane (C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.15 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (m, 5H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.75 (septet, J=6.2 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.5, 23.7, 24.2, 24.7, 25.9, 31.8, 41.4, 66.9, 68.9, 76.0.