A hemiaminal is a compound that has the following general structural formula.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{R}^1 \\
\text{C} \\
\text{N} \\
\text{R}^3 \\
\text{R}^4
\end{array}
\]

\[\text{R}^1—\text{R}^4 \text{ could be hydrogen atoms, alkyl groups, aryl groups, or any combination thereof.}\]

eg:

The functional group 1 in an organic molecule is called the hemiaminal group; the carbon atom bearing the two heteroatoms is called the hemiaminal carbon.

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