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The term designates structures in which a hydrogen atom is bonded to both a carbon atom and a metal atom. The term is also used to characterize the interaction between a CH bond and an unsaturated metal centre, and to describe similar bonding of a transition metal with Si–H compounds. The expression 'µ-hydrido-bridged' is also used to describe the bridging hydrogen.

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