

Obliquus capitis Superior muscles

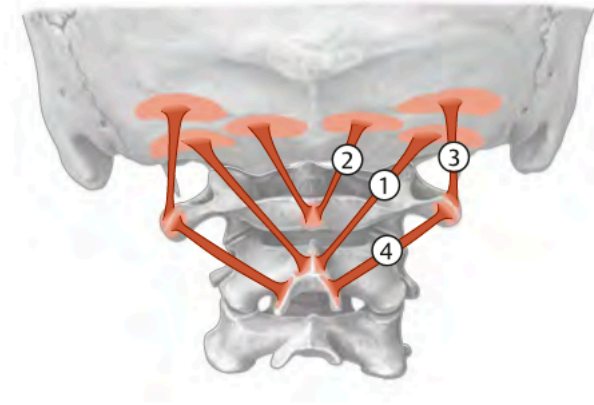
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1 OIAN



A Posterior view, schematic.

Figure 1: Schematic view of Suboccipital muscles (posterior view)¹

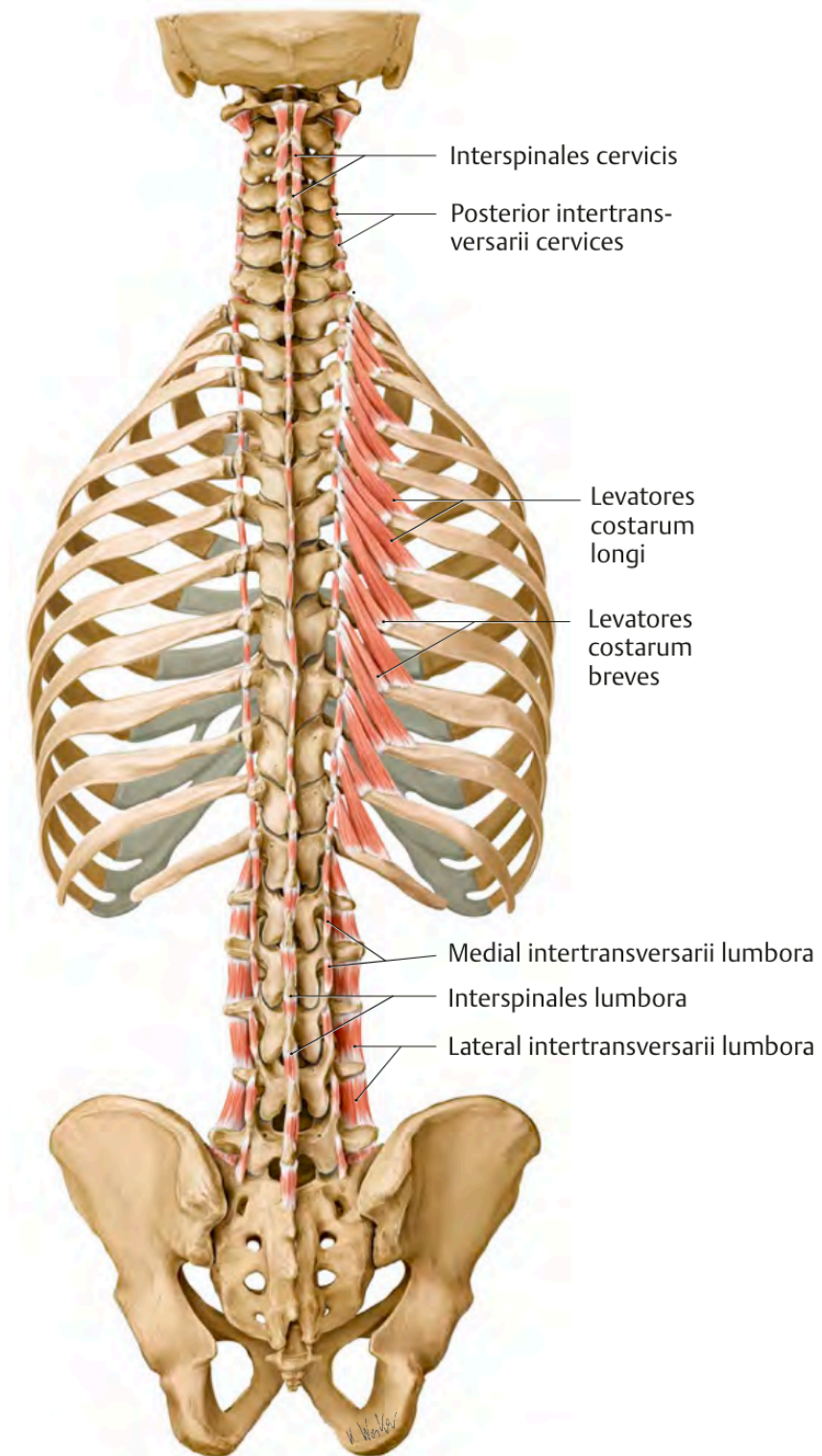


Figure 2: Suboccipital muscles (posterior view)¹

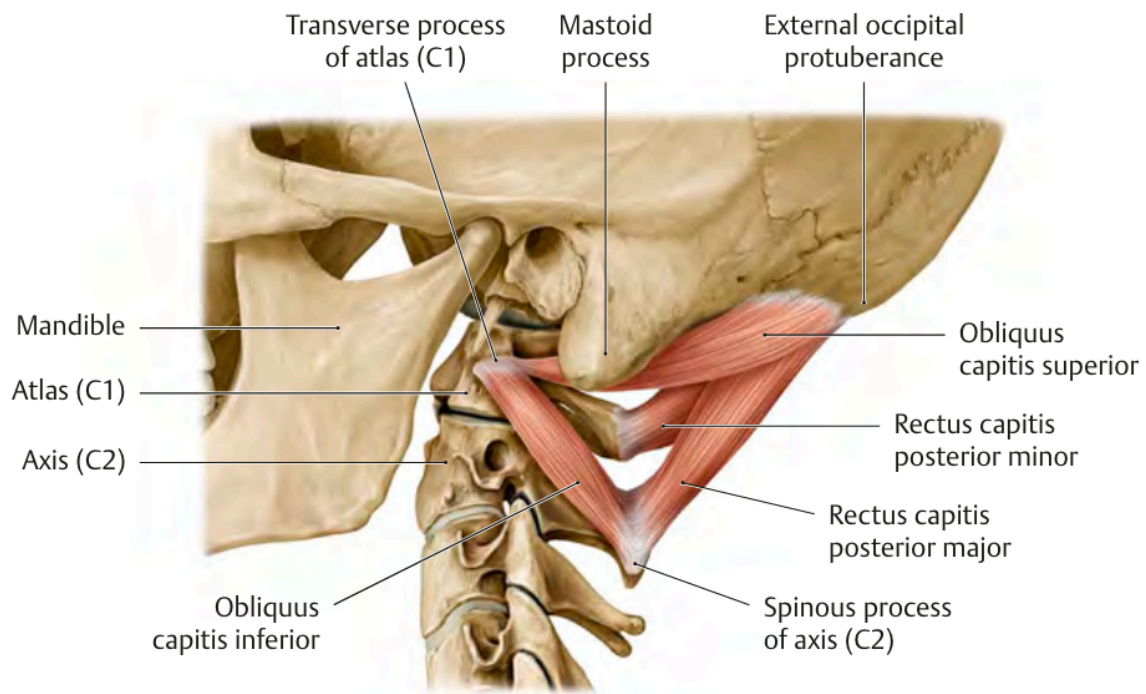


Figure 3: suboccipital muscles (left lateral view)¹

Table 1: Obliquus Capitis Superior OIAN

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Obliquus Capitis Superior	C1 (TP)	Occipital bone (inferior nuchal line, middle third)	Suboccipital N.	BIL: Extend head; UNIL: I/L SB, C/L rotation

1.1 Origin

C1 (TP)¹

1.2 Insertion

Occipital bone (inferior nuchal line, middle third; above RCPM)¹

1.3 Innervation

Suboccipital N. AKA Posterior ramus of C1¹

1.4 Action

- **Bilateral:** Extend head
- **Unilateral:** I/L SB, C/L rotation

2 Palpation

Clinical significance

1. Gilroy AM, MacPherson BR, Wikenheiser JC, Voll MM, Wesker K, Schünke M, eds. *Atlas of Anatomy*. 4th ed. Thieme; 2020.