

Splenius Cervicis

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1 OIAN

Table 1: Splenius Cervicis OIAN

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Splenius Cervicis	T3-T6/T7 (SP)	C1-C3/4 (TP)	Spinal nn. C1-C6 (Post rami, lateral branches)	BIL: Extends C/S and head; UNIL: I/L head SB and Rotation

1.1 Origin

T3-T6/T7 (SP)¹

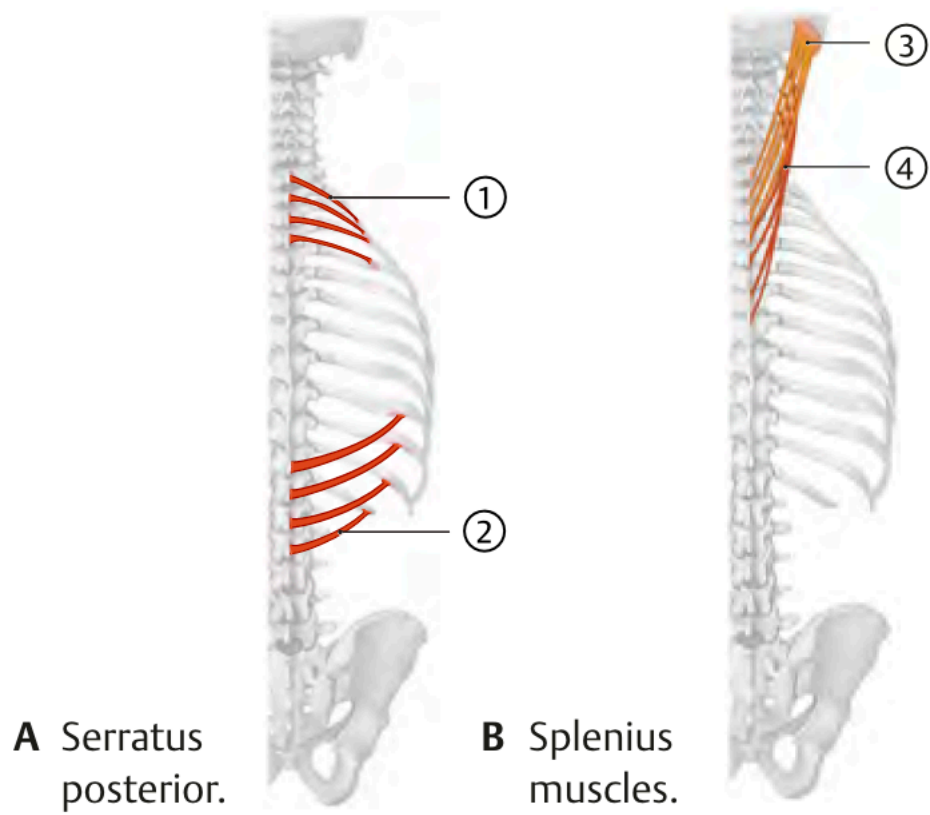


Figure 1: Superficial intrinsic back muscles Right side posterior view¹



A Superficial back muscles:
Splenius and serratus posterior muscles.

Figure 2: Superficial intrinsic back muscles posterior view¹

1.2 Insertion

C1–C3/4 (TP)¹

1.3 Innervation

Spinal nn. C1–C6 (Post rami, lateral branches)¹

1.4 Action

- **BIL:** Extends C/S and head¹
- **UNIL:** I/L head SB and Rotation¹

2 Muscle groups

Splenius cervicis is part of the Superficial intrinsic back muscle group

3 Palpation

Clinical significance

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