

# Splenius Cervicis

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## 1 OIAN

Table 1: Splenius Cervicis OIAN

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

### 1.1 Origin

T3-T6/T7 (SP)<sup>1</sup>

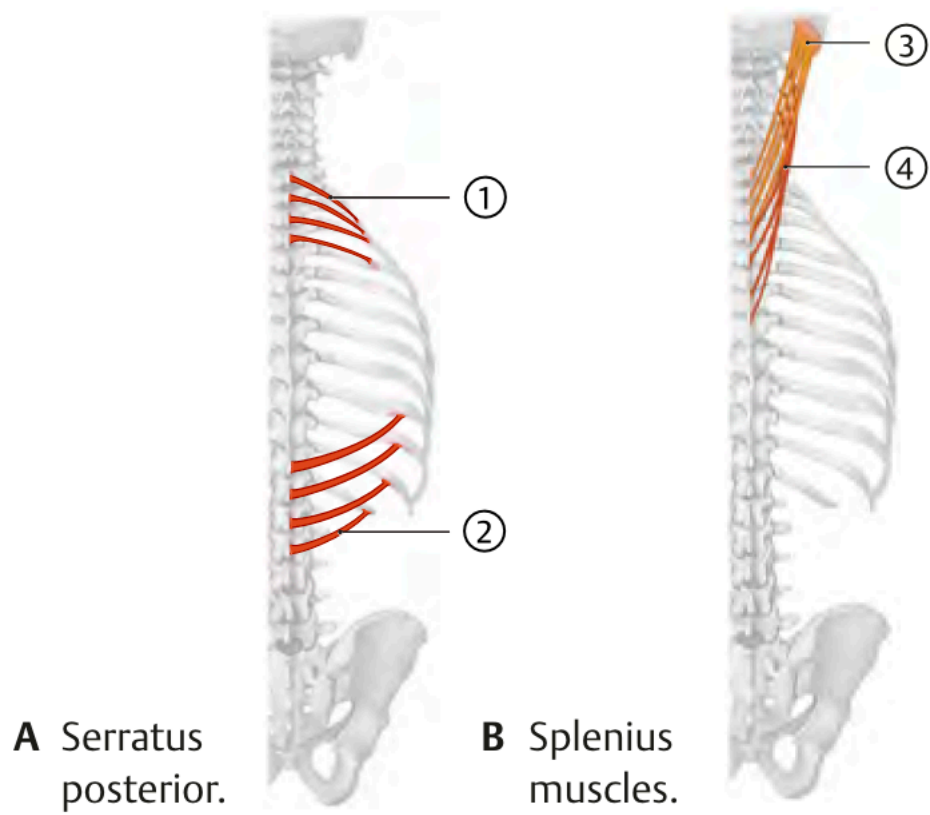


Figure 1: Superficial intrinsic back muscles Right side posterior view<sup>1</sup>



**A** Superficial back muscles:  
Splenius and serratus posterior muscles.

Figure 2: Superficial intrinsic back muscles posterior view<sup>1</sup>

## 1.2 Insertion

C1–C3/4 (TP)<sup>1</sup>

## 1.3 Innervation

Spinal nn. C1–C6 (Post rami, lateral branches)<sup>1</sup>

## 1.4 Action

- **BIL:** Extends C/S and head<sup>1</sup>
- **UNIL:** I/L head SB and Rotation<sup>1</sup>

## 2 Muscle groups

Splenius cervicis is part of the Superficial intrinsic back muscle group

## 3 Palpation

### Clinical significance

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