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# Semispinalis Cervicis

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One of the transversospinales group of muscles that arises from the spinous processes of the second to fifth cervical vertebrae and inserts into the posterior surfaces of the upper five or six thoracic transverse processes; it functions to extend the vertebrae from which it arises.