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# Cricothyroid Muscle

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A pair of muscles, the lateral cricothyroid and the posterior cricothyroid, that connect the cricoid cartilage and arytenoid cartilage. The posterior cricothyroid is the sole abductor of the vocal folds. The lateral cricothyroid is the main antagonist of the posterior cricothyroid.