

Anatomy & Physiology: Bones—Vertebral Column, Lumbar Region.

STRUCTURE.

- The largest and strongest of the vertebrae as compared to the cervical and thoracic vertebrae.
- Supports and transmits a low of bodyweight/forces.
- One foramina: vertebral.
- Projections are short and thick.
- The body is thick and substantial.
- Spinous processes are thick and broad, and resemble mooseheads.
- Superior articular processes are pointing more medially instead of superiorly.
- The inferior articular processes are pointing more laterally instead of inferiorly.
- Superior facets: medial.
- Inferior facets: lateral.

FUNCTION.

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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