



340. The Intermediate Muscles of the Back.

Trapezius and Latissimus Dorsi are largely cut away on both sides.

Observe:

1. On the right side—Levator Scapulae and Rhomboidei, in situ. Serratus Superior, rising above Rhomboideus Minor. It is apt to be divided when Rhomboidei are severed.
2. On the left side—Rhomboidei, severed and allowing the vertebral border of the scapula to part from the thoracic wall. The 3 (usually 4) digitations of Levator Scapulae.
3. Serrati Posteriores Superior et Inferior, constituting the 3rd or intermediate layer of muscles, bridging the deep muscles, passing from spines to ribs, and sloping in opposite directions. These are muscles of inspiration.
4. The lumbar fascia, extending laterally to the angles of the ribs, becoming thin superiorly, passing deep to Serratus Superior, and reinforced inferiorly by Latissimus Dorsi and Serratus Inferior.