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**Case Report**  
**Spina Bifida of fifth lumbar vertebrae associated with absence of spinous process, laminae and inferior articular processes –A case report**

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**Abstract**

Knowledge about any deviation from the normal anatomy of our vertebral column is very essential especially for an orthopedician, neurologist, forensic pathologist and clinical anatomist for diagnosing the patients with such vertebral anomalies. The vertebral disorders lead to disability and lot of health problems. In congenital anomaly of lumbar vertebrae it hampers the weight transmission and movement of the vertebral column leading to instability in early age. A dry fifth lumbar vertebrae of unknown sex was found from a undergraduate student in NRS Medical College in which spinous process and both sided lamina and inferior articular processes were absent leading to a wide spina bifida.

Key words: fifth lumbar vertebrae, spina bifida, inferior articular process, spinous process.