

The **body of the fifth lumbar vertebra** is the largest of all lumbar vertebral bodies. It is kidney-shaped, deeper anteriorly than posteriorly, concave posteriorly and wider transversely than antero-posteriorly. Attached to the superior and inferior surfaces, are adjacent **intervertebral discs**.

The posterior surface has vascular foramina for the exit of the basivertebral veins. The anterior and posterior **longitudinal ligaments** attach to the discal margins anteriorly and posteriorly respectively. Psoas major attaches postero-laterally to the upper margin.