Ligamentum nuchae is homologous with the supraspinous and interspinous ligaments of the thoracic and lumbar spines. It extends from the spinous process of C7 to the external occipital protuberance. It attaches to the median part of the external occipital crest, posterior tubercle of C1 (atlas) and medial aspects of the bifid spinous processes of C2 (axis) to C6.