

The basivertebral veins are large channels emerging from the basivertebral (posterior) foramina of the vertebral bodies, where they form two short trunks. Each trunk drains into the transverse branches, which connect the anterior internal vertebral venous plexuses. They also drain into the anterior external vertebral venous plexus through small openings in the vertebral bodies. In the lumbar region, tributaries of the basivertebral veins also join the lumbar veins.