

The neural arch is the bony structure that arises from the back of the [vertebral body](#) and encloses the [spinal cord](#). The vertebral arch is comprised of two [pedicles](#), the short stout processes that extend from the sides of the vertebral body and two laminae, the broad flat plates that project from the pedicles and join in a triangle to form a hollow archway (the foramen).

The structures of the vertebral arch protect the spinal nerves that run through the spinal canal.

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