

# Ossification of the ligamentum flavum

**Ossification** of the **ligamentum flavum** is a widely described pathology in eastern Asia. Cases have been reported in northern Africa, the Middle-East, India, the Caribbean, Europe, and North America, but only one case from Latin America have been published in the literature. It affects mostly elderly men, with a possible association with obesity and type 2 diabetes <sup>1)</sup>.

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<sup>1)</sup>

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