CLAIMS

[Claim 1] ~~(Amended)~~

A supporter formed of a band-shaped member, the supporter comprising:

a back-contact section that is arranged substantially at the center of the band-shaped member, and that comes in contact with a wearer's back region;

protruding sections of which tips protrude upward, and toward right and left from both sides of the back-contact section;

a pair of auxiliary band sections that includes two band-shaped members having stretchability in a longitudinal direction and in which an annular ring is arranged to be slidable over each band-shaped member; and

a pair of adjustment band sections that includes two band-shaped members having stretchability lower than the stretchability of the auxiliary band sections,

wherein each protruding section includes a stretchable portion being in contact with the back-contact section and having stretchability in the longitudinal direction,

wherein both ends of the pair of auxiliary band sections are fixed to an upper side of the back-contact section and bottom ends of lateral sides of the back-contact section or bottom ends of the lateral sides in contact with the back-contact section in the stretchable portions of the

protruding sections so that the two band-shaped members cross each other, and

wherein each of the pair of adjustment band sections is loosely inserted into the annular rings arranged in the auxiliary band sections, one end thereof is fixed to a region other than the stretchable portions of the right and left protruding sections, and the other end thereof includes a fastening portion.

[Claim 2] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to claim 1, wherein a body section includes the back-contact section and the protruding sections and causes a lining surface thereof to come in contact with the wearer's lumbar region and to surround the lumbar region,

wherein each protruding section includes the stretchable portion and a non-stretchable portion being arranged in contact with the stretchable portion and not having stretchability,

wherein the pair of auxiliary band sections formed of the two band-shaped members includes a first auxiliary band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a left end of the upper side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a bottom end of a right side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section or a bottom end of the lateral side in contact with

the back-contact section in the stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section, and a second auxiliary band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a right end of the upper side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a bottom end of the left side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section or a bottom end of the lateral side in contact with the back-contact section in the stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section,

wherein the annular ring includes an annular first ring arranged in the first auxiliary band section and an annular second ring arranged in the second auxiliary band section, and

wherein the pair of adjustment band sections formed of the two band-shaped members includes a first adjustment band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is able to be fastened to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section after being loosely inserted into the first ring and a second adjustment band

section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is able to be fastened to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section after being loosely inserted into the second ring.

[Claim 3] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to claim 1, wherein a body section includes the back-contact section and the protruding sections and causes a lining surface thereof to come in contact with the wearer's lumbar region and to surround the lumbar region,

wherein each protruding section includes the stretchable portion and a non-stretchable portion being arranged in contact with the stretchable portion and not having stretchability,

wherein the pair of auxiliary band sections formed of the two band-shaped members includes a first auxiliary band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a left end of the upper side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a bottom end of a left side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section or a bottom end of the lateral side in contact with

the back-contact section in the stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section, and a second auxiliary band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a right end of the upper side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is fixed to a bottom end of the right side of the back-contact section on the front surface of the body section or a bottom end of the lateral side in contact with the back-contact section in the stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section,

wherein the annular ring includes an annular first ring arranged in the first auxiliary band section and an annular second ring arranged in the second auxiliary band section, and

wherein the pair of adjustment band sections formed of the two band-shaped members includes a first adjustment band section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is able to be fastened to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the right end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section after being loosely inserted into the first ring and a second adjustment band

section in which one end of the band-shaped member is fixed to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section and the other end of the band-shaped member is able to be fastened to the non-stretchable portion of the protruding section on the left end side of the body section on the front surface of the body section after being loosely inserted into the second ring.

[Claim 4] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to claim 2 or 3, wherein a natural length of the first auxiliary band section is greater than a gap between the left end of the upper side of the back-contact section and the bottom end of the right side of the back-contact section, and

wherein a natural length of the second auxiliary band section is greater than a gap between the right end of the upper side of the back-contact section and the bottom end of the left side of the back-contact section.

[Claim 5] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the two band-shaped members of the pair of auxiliary band sections formed of the two band-shaped members cross each other in the vicinity of the upper side of the back-contact section.

[Claim 6] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising a pressing section formed of a plate-shaped member not having stretchability,

wherein the back-contact section is a bag-like body having an opening and the pressing section is inserted into and extracted from the bag-like body.

[Claim 7] ~~(Amended)~~

The supporter according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein one end of each of the two band-shaped members of the pair of adjustment band sections formed of the two band-shaped members is fixed in contact with the lower side other than the stretchable portion of the corresponding protruding section.

[Claim 8] ~~(Added)~~

The supporter according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein each annular ring includes at least two through-holes formed to correspond to the widths and the thicknesses of the auxiliary band sections and the adjustment band sections,

wherein the auxiliary band section is loosely inserted into one through-hole of the at least two through-holes, and

wherein the adjustment band section is loosely inserted into the other through-hole of the at least two through-holes.