

Supplementary Table 2. Definition of M2 for each included study

Study	Definition of M2
Altenbernd et al. ²⁰	NR
ASTER trial	NR
Coutinho et al. ²²	Vertical MCA branches in the Sylvian fissure originating at the genu and extending to the next genu at the level of the operculum
Dorn et al. ⁸	NR
Flores et al. ²³	NR
Kim et al. ⁹	Part of the MCA extending from the genu to the top of the Sylvian fissure and the circular sulcus
Mokin et al. ²⁴	Vertical MCA branches in the Sylvian fissure originating at the genu and extending to the next genu at the level of the operculum
Park and Kwak ²⁵	NR
Protto et al. ²⁶	NR
Salahuddin et al. ²⁷	Segment of MCA beyond the bifurcation of the M1 artery and extending to the apex of the circular sulcus
Sarraj et al. ²⁸	Vertical segment lying within the mesial margin of the Sylvian fissure
Vargas et al. ³⁰	NR

NR, not reported; ASTER, the Contact Aspiration Versus Stent Retriever for Successful Revascularization; MCA, middle cerebral artery.