**Table 2. Description of included studies (alphabetical according to authors)**

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|  | **Descriptive information: Study** | | |  | **Population: Participants** | |  | | **Population: Partners** | |
| **No** | **Author** | **Country** | **Research design** | **MMAT score** | **Partici-pants** | **Aetiology** | **Context /**  **setting** | **Communica-tion partner** | |
| **1** | Blonder et al. (1993) | USA | Experimental comparison with control group | 5/5 | N= 22 | 7 CVA (Right)  7 CVA (Left)  8 Normal | Home | Life partner | |
| **2** | Blonder et al. (1995) | USA | Experimental comparison with control group | 5/5 | N=21 | 7 CVA (Right)  7 CVA (Left)  7 Normal | Home | Life partner | |
| **3** | Borod et al. (1989) | USA | Descriptive, correlational | 4/5 | N= 41 | 35 CVA (Left) | Therapy | SLP#; Nurse; Researcher | |
| **4** | Daumüller et al. (2010) | Germany | Experimental comparison with control group | 3/5 | N=35 | 35 CVA (Left) | Hospital | Researcher | |
| **5** | Dipper et al. (2015) | UK;  Australia | Experimental comparison with control group | 5/5 | N= 58 | 29 CVA (Left)  29 Normal | Therapy;  Support groups; Community | Researcher | |
| **6** | Finkel et al. (2018) | Germany; USA; Austria | Experimental comparison with control group | 4/5 | N= 117 | 67 CVA (Left)  50 Normal | Hospital | Researcher | |
| **7** | Hanlon et al. (1990) | USA | Single subject design | 5/5 | N=24 | 24 CVA (Left) | Support groups; Therapy | Researcher | |
| **8** | Marangolo et al. (2010) | Italy | Single subject design | 4/5 | N= 6\* | 5 CVA (Left)  1 TBI | Therapy | Researcher | |
| **9** | Preisig et al. (2018) | Netherlands; Switzerland | Single subject design | 5/5 | N= 36 | 20 CVA (Left)  16 Normal | Therapy | Researcher | |
| **10** | Rautakoski (2011) | Finland | Experimental-baseline and intervention | 5/5 | N= 38 | 38 CVA (Left) | Therapy | Life partner | |
| **11** | Sekine and Rose (2013) | UK;  Australia; Japan | Experimental comparison with control group | 5/5 | N= 162 | 98 CVA (Left)  64 Normal | Therapy | SLT | |
| **12** | Cocks et al. (2007) | UK;  Australia | Multiple single-case study design | 5/5 | N= 24 | 19 Normal  5 CVA (Right) | Community; Support groups; Hospital | Researcher | |
| **13** | Garcia et al. (2000) | USA | Opinion piece | 0/5 | N=4\* | 3 CVA (Left)  1 ALS | Not specified | Researcher | |
| **14** | Herrmann et al. (1988) | Germany | Interviews | 5/5 | N=7 | 7 CVA (Left) | Therapy | Relative or close friend | |
| **15** | Lanyon and Rose (2009) | Australia | Naturalistic observation | 5/5 | N= 18 | 18 CVA (Left) | Therapy | Researcher | |
| **16** | Rhys (2005) | UK | Single case study | 5/5 | N=1 | 1 CVA (Left) | Therapy | Student | |
| **17** | Uruma et al. (2007) | Japan | Case study | 5/5 | N= 1 | 1 CVA (Left) | Hospital | Researcher | |
| **18** | Rose et al. (2017) | Australia;  UK | Observation | 5/5 | N= 67 students | 11 CVA (Left) | Therapy | Researcher | |

Note: USA=United States of America; UK=United Kingdom CVA=Cerebrovascular accident; ~~\*\*\*\*~~TBI=Traumatic Brain Injury~~;~~ ALS = XXX SLT=Speech-language Therapist

\*Only data for the participants with CVA was considered