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Using A Cochrane Systematic Review with Visual Rx
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First, find the relevant Cochrane Review. For example:
Regular treatment with salmeterol for chronic asthma: serious adverse events
Click on “Tables” and the title of a graph. Usually, the statistics will be expressed as a Peto Odds Ratio.

Then, complete the calculator with statistics from the Forest Plot. Click on “Draw Cates Plot”.

The visual display for 100 patients will appear.
The control group results will appear first, then the treatment group.

Regular salmeterol compared to placebo for adults and children with chronic asthma

Figure 1. Control group risk. Next Figure >>
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Figure 2. Treatment group risk. << Previous Figure
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