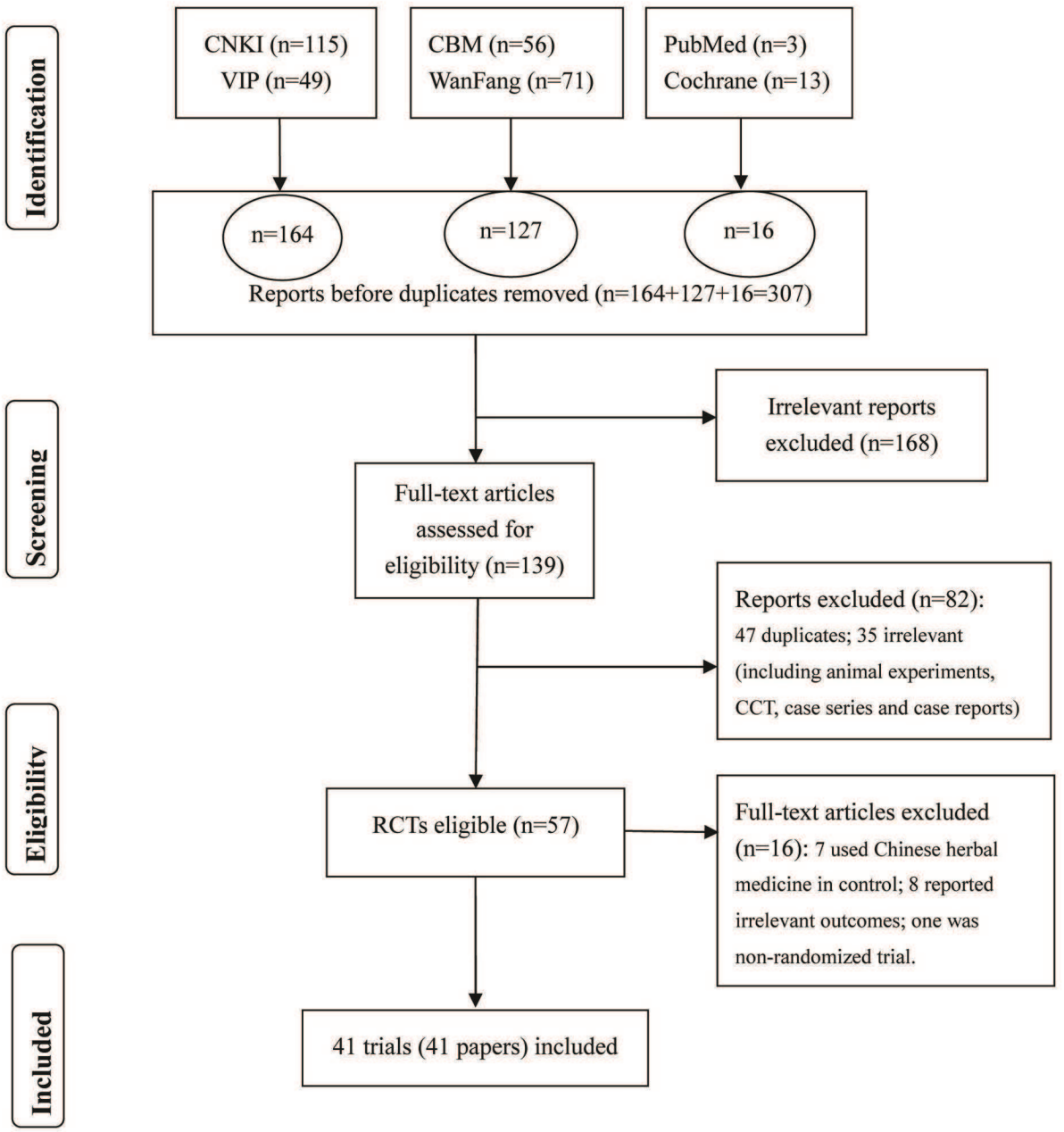
Identification
CNKI (n=115)
VIP (n=49)
CBM (n=56)
WanFang (n=71)
PubMed (n=3)
Cochrane (n=13)
n=164
n=127
n=16
Reports before duplicates removed (n=164+127+16=307)
Screening
Irrelevant reports excluded (n=168)
Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n=139)
Reports excluded (n=82): 47 duplicates; 35 irrelevant (including animal experiments, CCT, case series and case reports)
Eligibility
RCTs eligible (n=57)
Full-text articles excluded (n=16): 7 used Chinese herbal medicine in control; 8 reported irrelevant outcomes; one was non-randomized trial.
Included
41 trials (41 papers) included