Figure 1 - Flow chart of literature selection

- 2041 systematic reviews (1790 from CBM and 251 from Cochrane Library)
- 1700 non-TCM systematic reviews (1545 from CBM and 155 from Cochrane Library)
- 341 TCM systematic reviews (245 from CBM and 96 from Cochrane Library)
- 80 systematic reviews lacked original RCTs (71 from CBM and 9 from Cochrane Library)
- 261 TCM systematic reviews (174 from CBM and 87 from Cochrane Library)
- 1 systematic reviews lacked full text (1 from CBM and 0 from Cochrane Library)
- 260 TCM systematic reviews (173 from CBM and 87 from Cochrane Library)
- 3159 TCM RCTs (2580 in Chinese journals and 579 in foreign journals)

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