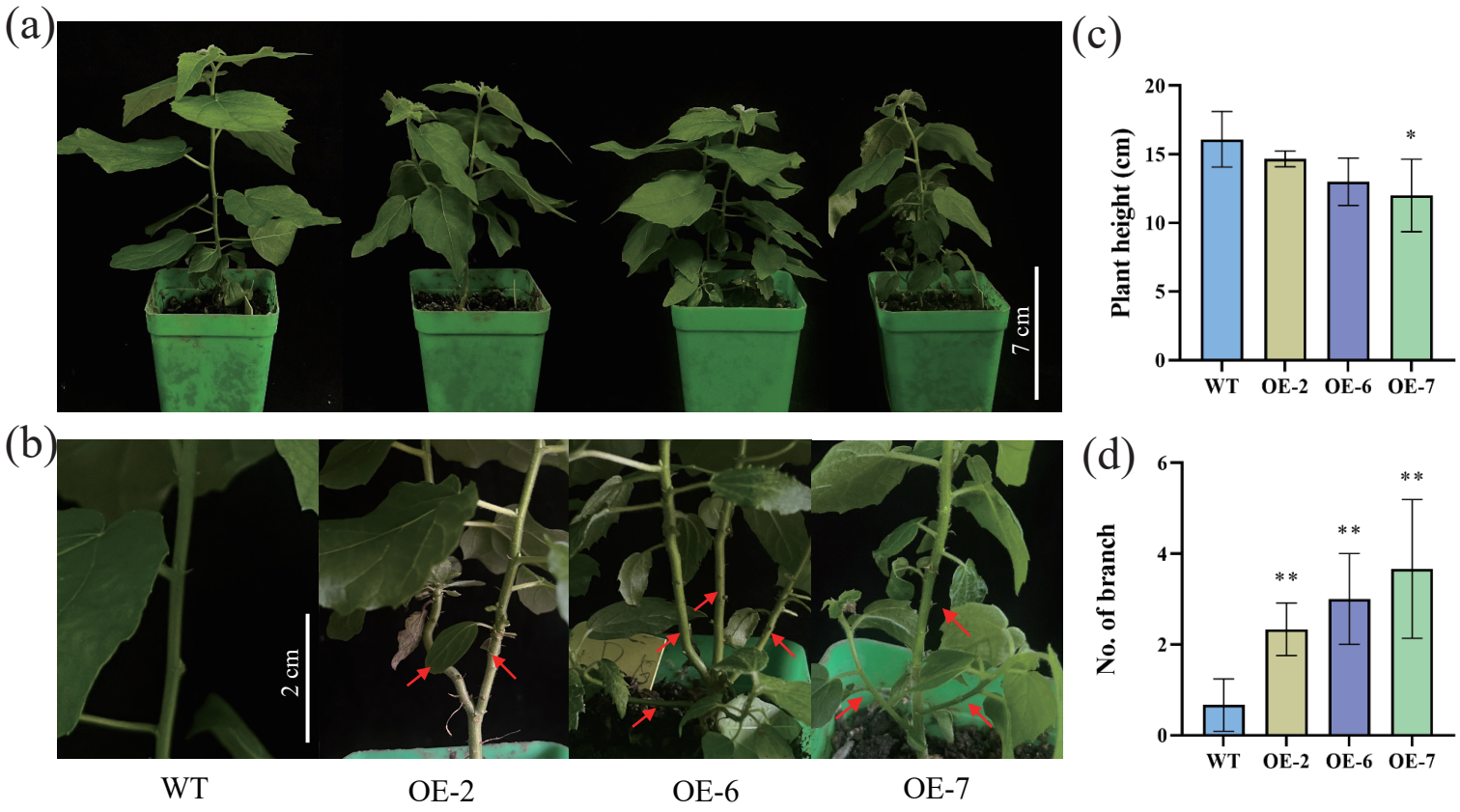

Fig. S8. Phenotypic and quantitative analyses of WT and *ClPILS5*-overexpressing poplars. (a, b) Overall phenotype (a) and partial magnification (b) of WT and transgenic poplar soil-grown seedlings at one month, with red arrows indicating the positions of lateral branches. Scale bars: (a) 7 cm; (b) 2 cm. (c, d) Statistical analysis of plant height (c) and branch number (d) in poplar. Error bars: ±SD, n=6. Asterisks indicate significance (*p<0.05, **p<0.01, Student's t-test).