



Abbreviations: delta-Cq, difference in cycle thresholds as quantitative measure of differential TS mRNA expression identified by qRT-PCR, high delta-Cq values correspond to low TS mRNA expression; expr., expression; N, number of patients evaluated; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; qRT-PCR, quantitative reverse-transcriptase polymerase-chain-reaction; TS, thymidylate synthase.

High and low TS mRNA expression: delta-Cq value ≥ -1.30 and < -1.30, respectively.