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Vertical transversal cross-sections of 17-day-old colonies formed by wt and KO strains. (A, B) Cross-sections (20 μ m thin) of colonies formed by wt and different *rtg* Δ strains were prepared by vibrating microtome and visualized by Nomarski contrast. The green dotted rectangle delimitates U cells, and the red dotted rectangle delimitates lower L cells with decreased viability in colonies of *rtg* Δ strains.