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is due to the poor growth of the strains in the presence of this compound (not shown). P values
of <0.05 were considered significant. P<0.05 (*); P<0.001 (***). (C) Biofilm formation by the
indicated strains <u>+</u> isocitrate. The Δ4DGC mutant strain is used with WT GcbC and GcbC-R139E
variant introduced on plasmids. For panel C, experiments were performed in triplicate (<u>+</u> SD),
and horizontal black bars indicate a P value of <0.05(*) with a student's t-test comparing the
presence and absence of isocitrate amongst each strain.