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Data collection We disclose that no unpublished software was used. Data was downloaded from the MEROPs database (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/merops/>) and uniprot database (<https://www.uniprot.org/>) as described in the methods and supplementary methods sections. For fluorescence-based protease assays and quantitative clotting assays, data was collected using BioTek Gen5 software (<https://www.biotek.com/products/software-robotics-software/gen5-microplate-reader-and-imager-software/>).

Data analysis We disclose that no unpublished software was used. Data were analyzed using GraphPad Prism Version 8 Software (<https://www.graphpad.com/>) and Stata Version 15 Software (<https://www.stata.com/>) as described in the methods section.

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Sample size	No method was used to calculate the sample size. The sample size was equal or greater than 2 in all cases and sample size was determined based on the number of replicates needed to minimize variation between experiments.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded from this work
Replication	Our data shows experiments conducted with two or more independent experiments run with technical replicates (duplicate, triplicate or quadruplicate, depending on the assay) as indicated in figure legends. Replicates were successful with one exception: in <i>P. asaccharolytica</i> supernatant assays with the cysteine inhibitor, iodoacetamide, we observed that select independent experiments showed a dose-dependent trend for inhibition of proteolytic activity (shown in Supplementary Figure 7). However, this trend was not repeated in all experiments and was not present when independent experiments were combined. Therefore, we reported this trend in the supplementary figures and results section, but showed the averaged data across all experiments in our main figure (Fig 4a,b iodoacetamide treatments).
Randomization	No randomization was used. Bacterial strain cell suspensions and supernatants were compared to negative controls (media only) and exposed to different treatments (ex: protease inhibitors).
Blinding	Blinding was used during the qualitative components of the clotting assays. Researchers were blinded to the sample types while assessing the time to formation of clots.

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