The bacterium Haemophilus paragallinarum is the etiological agent of infectious coryza, an upper respiratory disease of poultry. The economic impact of the disease caused by this bacterium is considerable, particularly in multi-age farms. The bacteriologic characteristics of the etiological agent are described in a manner that allocates it within the Pasteurellaceae family, and also shows its realationship to other potentially pathogenic agents in poultry. Particular emphasis is made concerning the more recent knowledge regarding the antigenic structure and the serological classification of H. paragallinarum.

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