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In this study I will focus on agentive passive clauses in what has been put forth as the main function of the passive, namely the thematization of the passive subject, which corresponds to the object of the active clause, and the rhematization of the passive agent, which corresponds to the subject of the active clause (see e.g. Siewierska 1986:222; Khrakovskii 1991:170-171; Zolotova et al. 1998:132). However, Russian word order also allows active clauses with the same information structure. I will thus compare the use of passive and active constructions that thematize the same constituent.