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There exist different views on passive constructions in Vietnamese. Some researchers claim that there are no passive voice and passive constructions in Vietnamese because Vietnamese is an isolated language [1,12]. Other researchers argue that although the Vietnamese language does not have passive voice as a morphological category, it still has passive construction as a syntactic category. Yet there is no agreement among researchers on the classifying criteria of passive constructions. [2, 10, 13]

The present paper aims at studying passive constructions in Vietnamese from the perspective of syntactic typology [5, 6, 7, 14]. On the typological differentiation of 3 types of passive constructions in languages which are purely morphological passive, morpho-syntactic passive and purely syntactic passive and based on different kinds of evidences, the paper will highlight: 1) Although Vietnamese does not have passive voice as a purely morphological phenomenon, it still has passive constructions as a syntactic phenomenon, marked by word order and function words (bi/duoc); 2) There are 3 syntactic alternations of passive constructions in

Vietnamese (which are: $N2 @-ic/bP V1$, $N2 @-ic /bP N1 V2$, $N2 @-ic/bP V b\grave{e}i N1$) and all can be identified and differentiated from other types of syntactic constructions by specific criteria.

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