Passive Voice

The passive and active in English confuse many people, even well-educated people. They confuse them and frustrate or enrage many others. The confusion or anger stems from the technicality of English grammar. Rather than enter the grammar fray, we offer a few key resources that we believe explain both the technicality and practicality of active and passive, especially as they relate to biomedical writing. We have consulted these resources and are pleased to share them with you. We hope you will find them helpful.


