List of Active Verbs for Proposals

It is most effective to use voice throughout the grant.

Example:
I taught (Active) vs. I was (have been) taught [by some one]

So for each one of these verbs you can have the passive verb as well. Ie, was assessed, was analyzed, etc.

Here are the action verbs we can use to state our specific aims:

**Strong, Active Verbs Sample**

Assess
Analyze
Address
Administer
Attain
Determine
Identify
Investigate
Represent
Clarify
Combine
Compare
Describe
Improve
Establish
Enhance
Estimate
Examine

**Red Flags especially for R01**

Explore
Describe
Characterize
Examine