Prioritization of variants and genes: BiERapp

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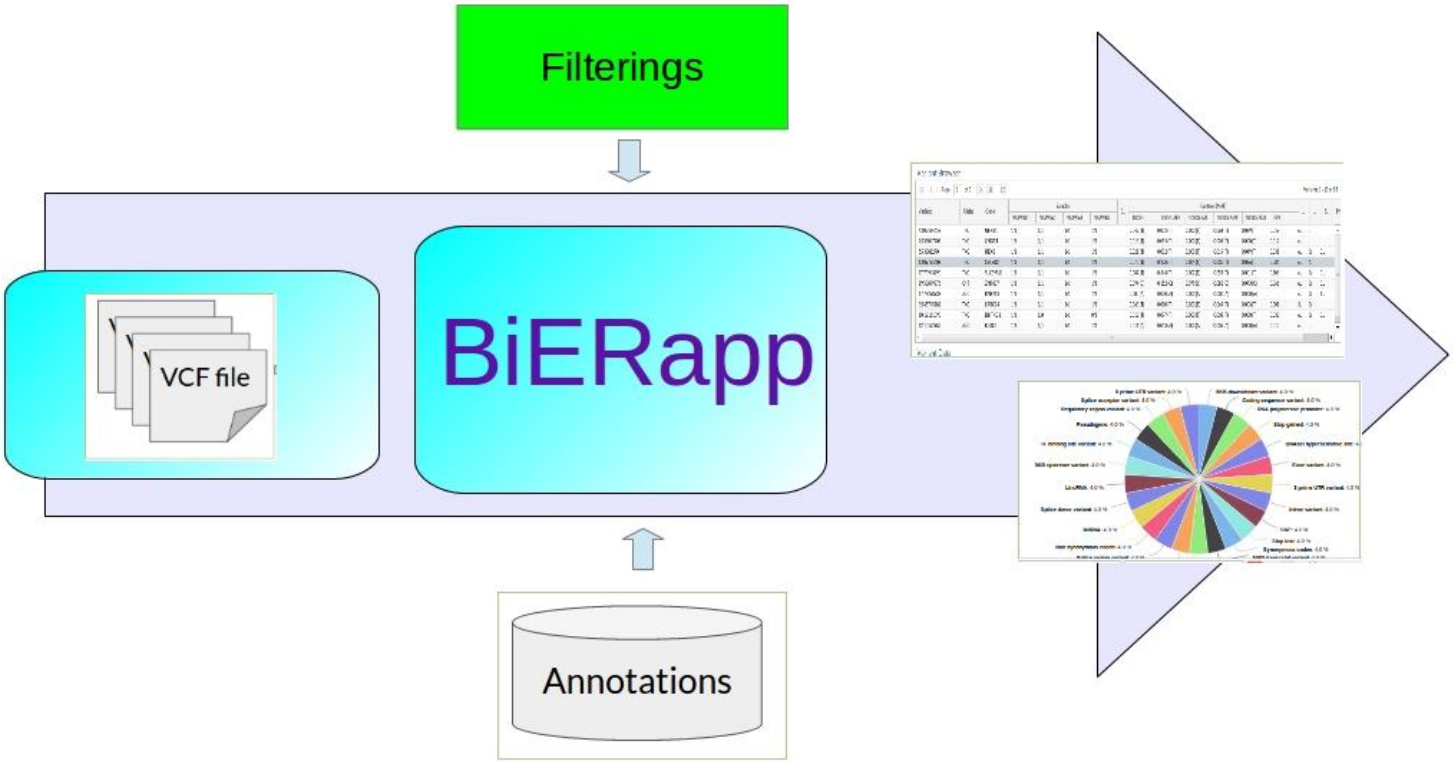
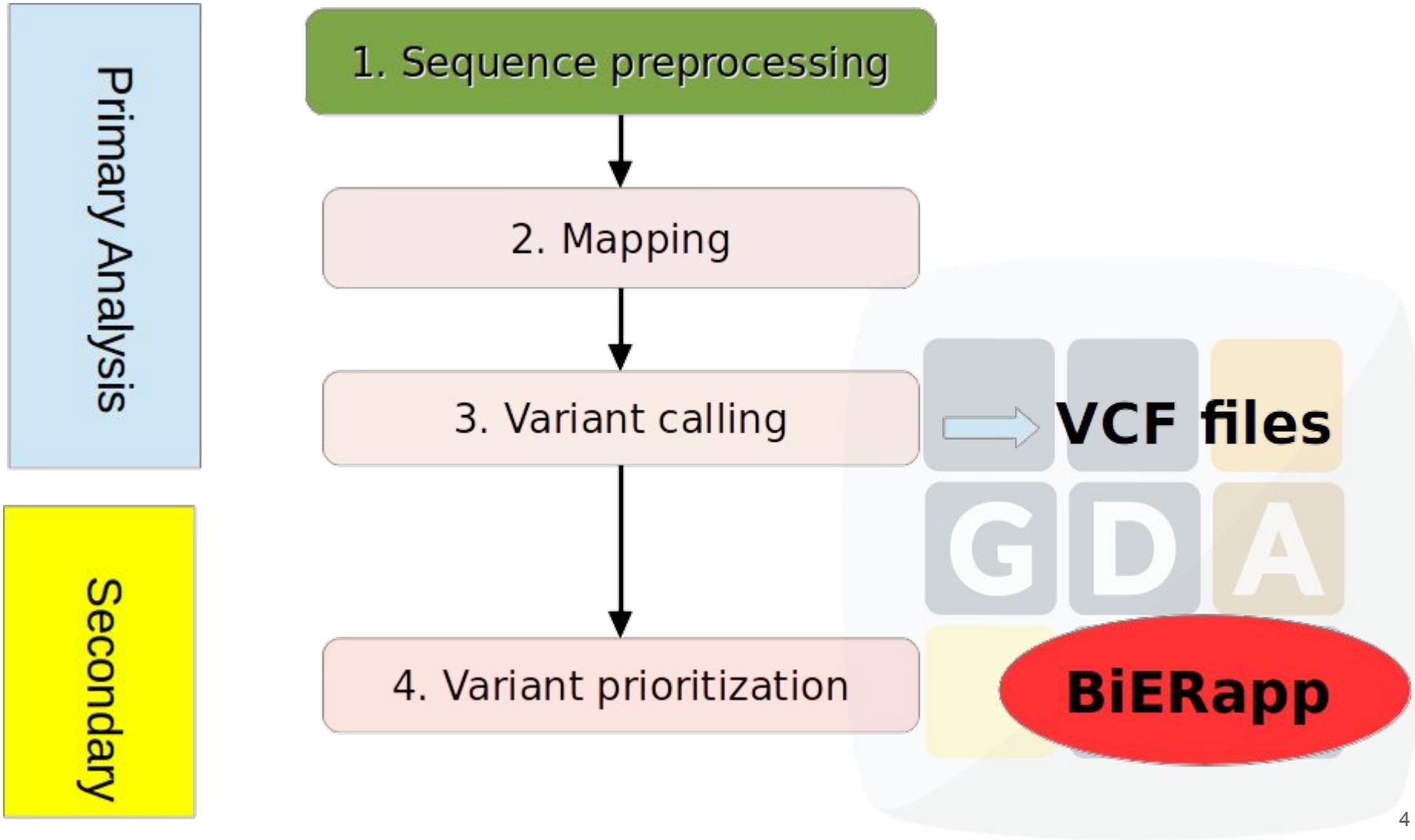
Introduction

- Whole-exome sequencing has become a fundamental tool for the discovery of disease-related genes of familial diseases but there are difficulties to **find the causal mutation among the enormous background**.
- There are different scenarios, so we need **different and immediate strategies of prioritization**.
- Vast amount of **biological knowledge available** in many databases.
- We need a tool to **integrate this information and filter immediately** to select candidate variants related to the disease

How does BiERapp work?



Input: VCF file



Input: VCF file

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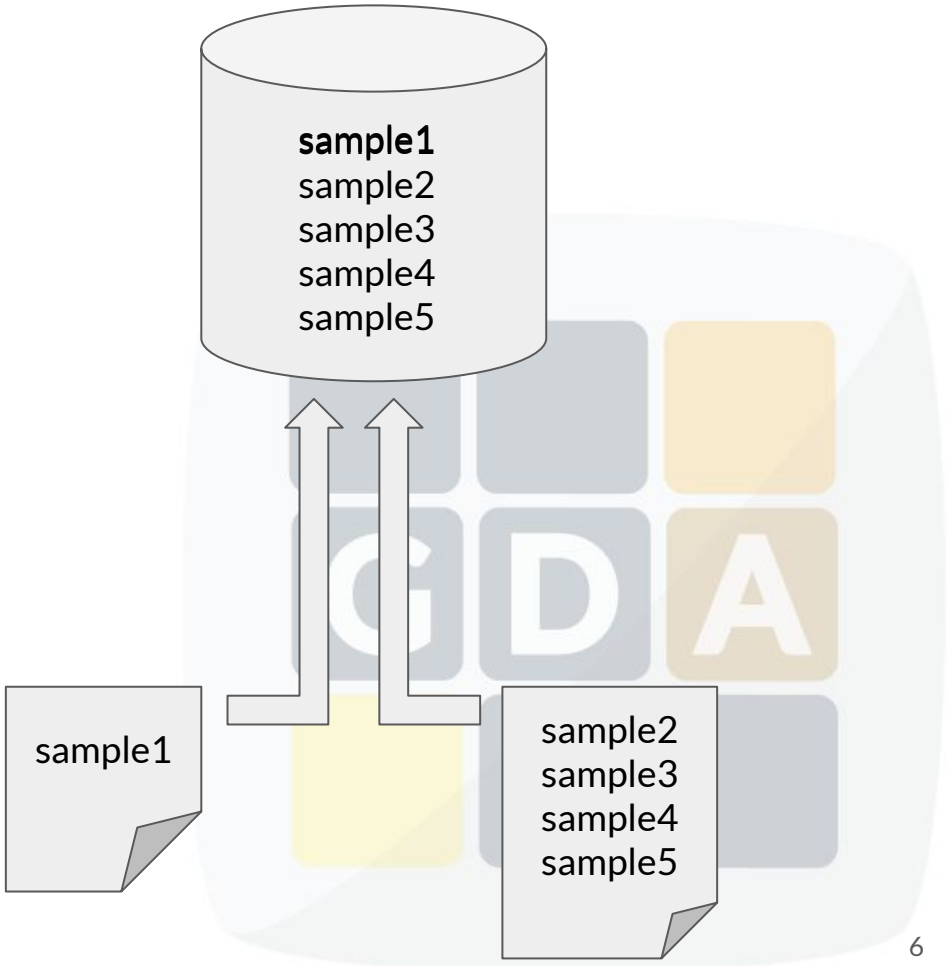
- We can upload multiple VCF single/multi sample.
- You do not need to create a multi-sample file with all the samples.
- BiERapp will merge all the samples from those files in the database.

Input: VCF multisample

- Create a Study
- Upload a new single-sample file
- BiERapp stores the sample in the created study
- Now we upload a new multisample file with 4 more samples
- BiERapp merges these samples in the study



Getting information: SIFT & PolyPhen

- **SIFT**
  - **SIFT** predicts whether an amino acid substitution affects protein function
  - **Interpretation:** 1 (tolerated) to 0 (deleterious)

http://sift.jcvi.org/

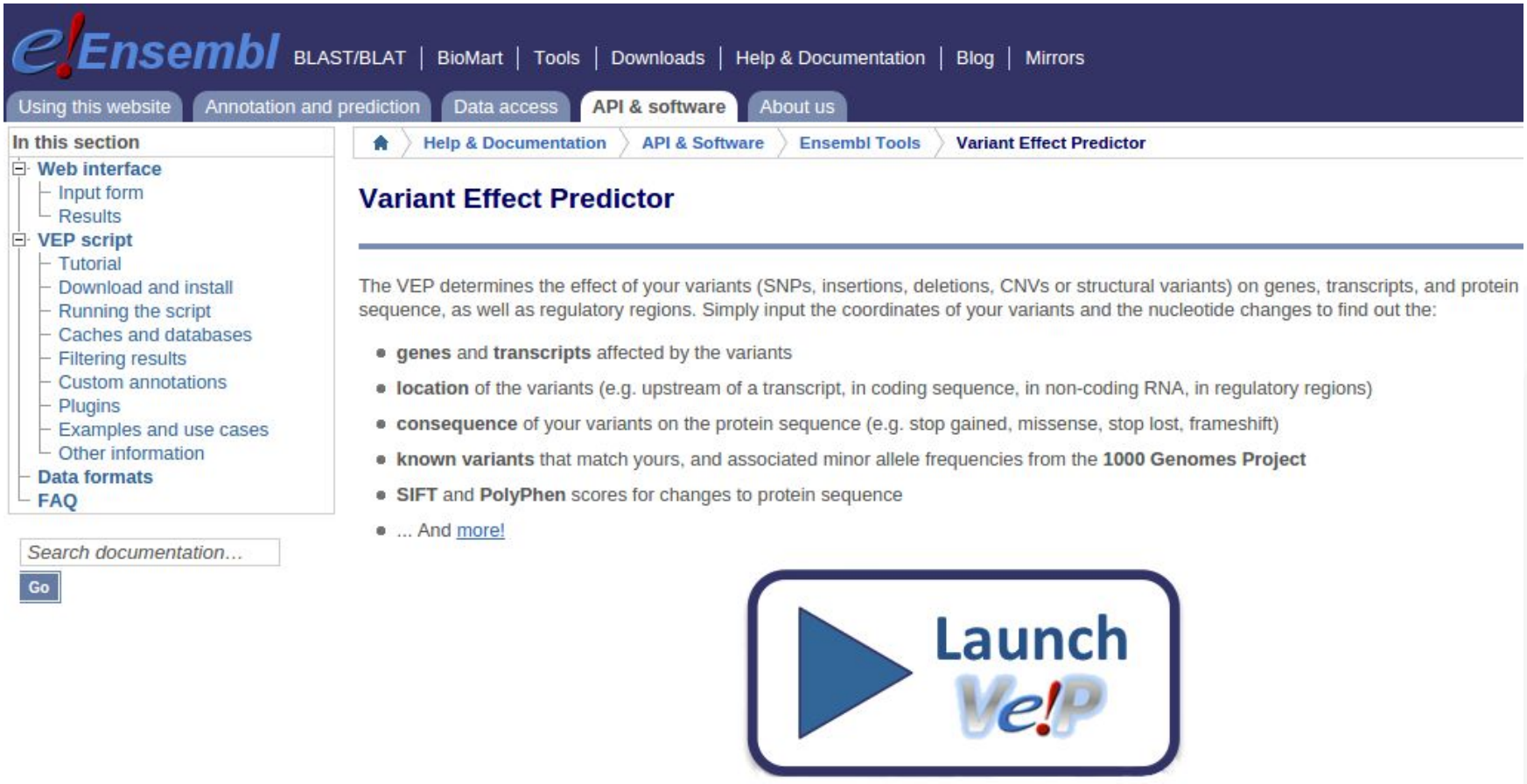
- **PolyPhen**
  - Polymorphism Phenotyping is a tool which preditcs possible impact of an amino acid substitution on the structure and function of a human protein.
  - **Interpretation:** 1 (probably damage) to 0 (bening)

http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/index.shtml

Getting information: Conservation

- **Phylop**
  - PhyloP scores measure evolutionary conservation at individual alignment sites. The scores are interpreted as follows compared to the evolution expected under neutral drift:
    - Positive scores -- Measure conservation, which is slower evolution than expected, at sites that are predicted to be conserved.
    - Negative scores -- Measure acceleration, which is faster evolution than expected, at sites that are predicted to be fast-evolving.
- **PhastCons**
  - PhastCons is a program for identifying evolutionarily conserved elements in a multiple alignment, given a phylogenetic tree.
  - PhastCons essentially does three things:
    - It produces base-by-base conservation scores (as displayed in the conservation tracks in the UCSC browser)
    - It produces predictions of discrete conserved elements (as displayed in the "most conserved" tracks in the browser)
    - It estimates free parameters.

Getting information: Effect



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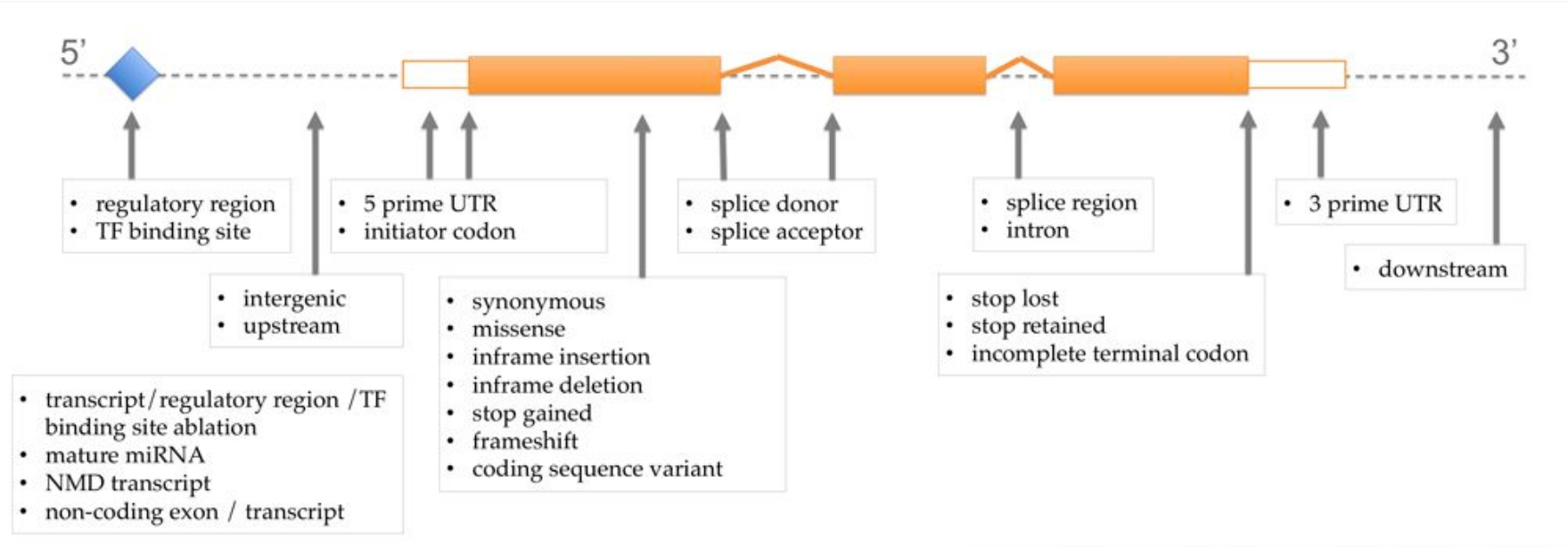
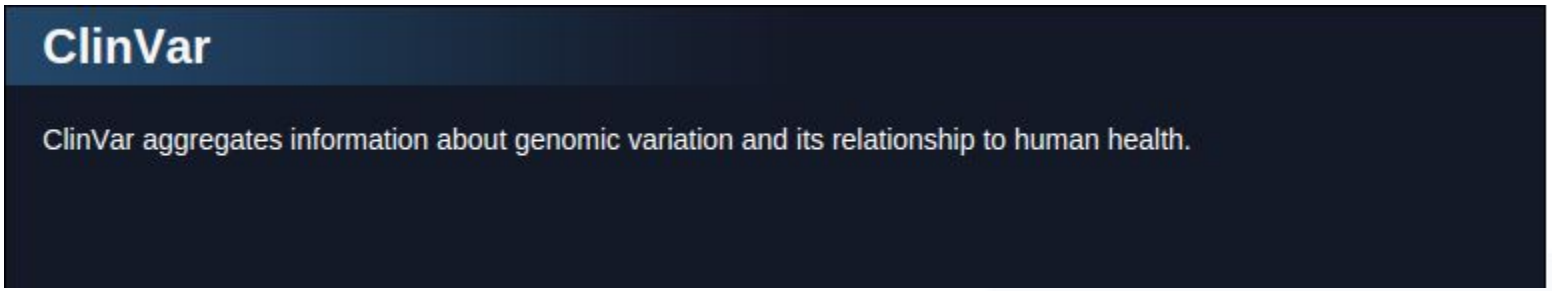


http://www.ensembl.org/info/genome/variation/predicted_data.html

Getting information: Phenotype



COSMIC
Catalogue of somatic mutations in cancer

GWAS Catalog

The NHGRI-EBI Catalog of published genome-wide association studies

Getting information: Pop. Frequencies

1000 Genomes

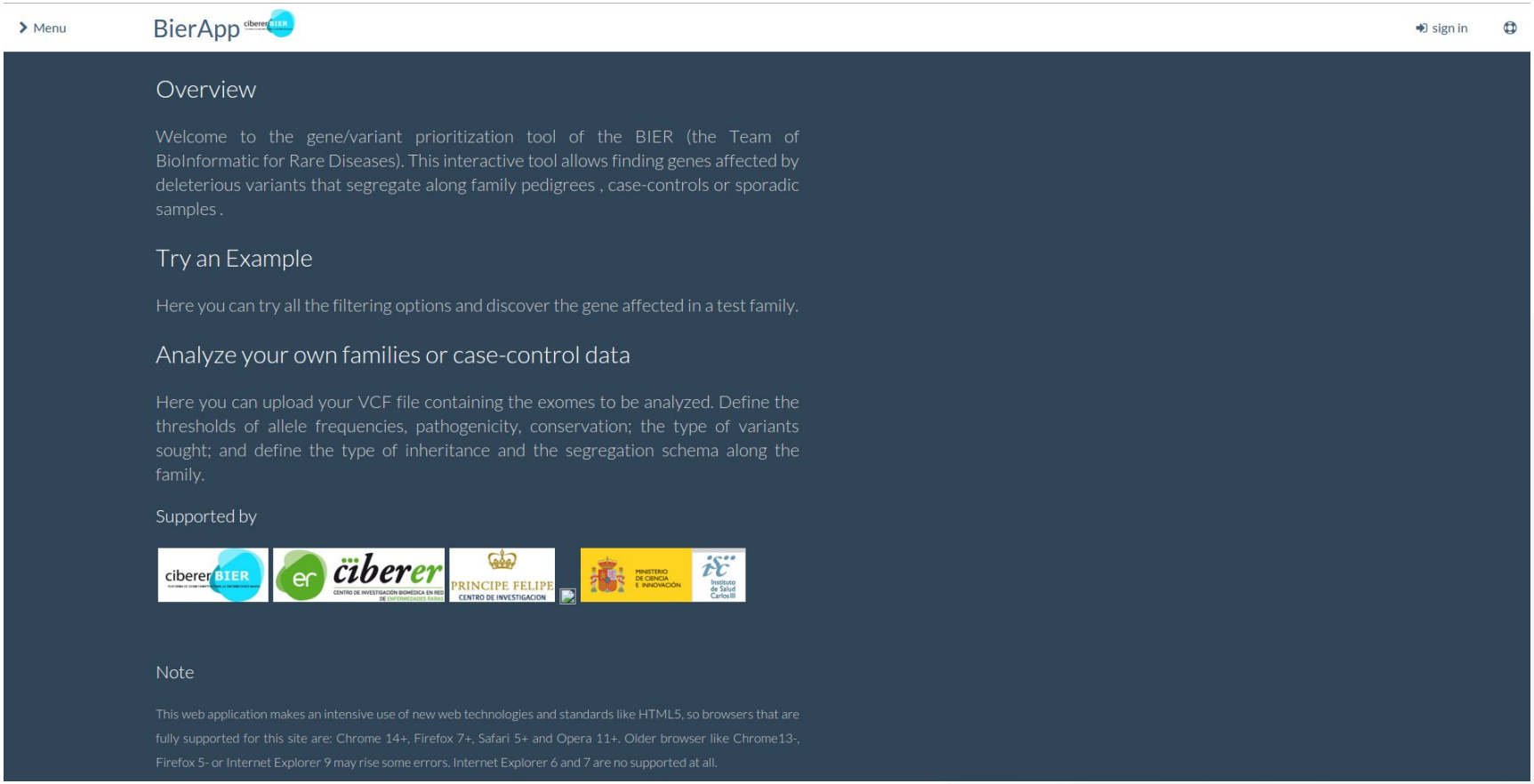
A Deep Catalog of Human Genetic Variation

NHLBI Exome Sequencing Project (ESP)

Exome Variant Server

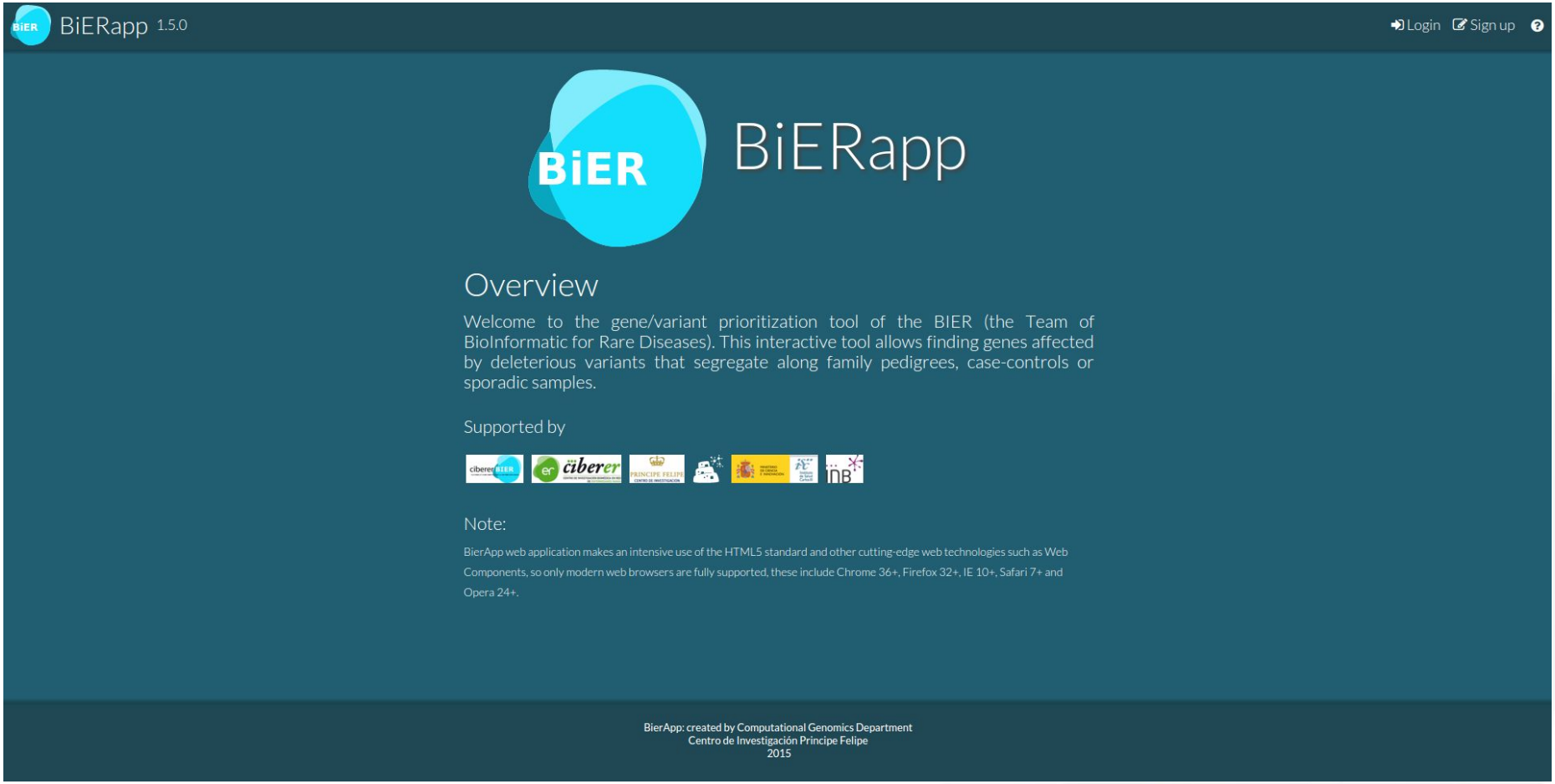
Tool interface: Official release

http://bierapp.babelomics.org/

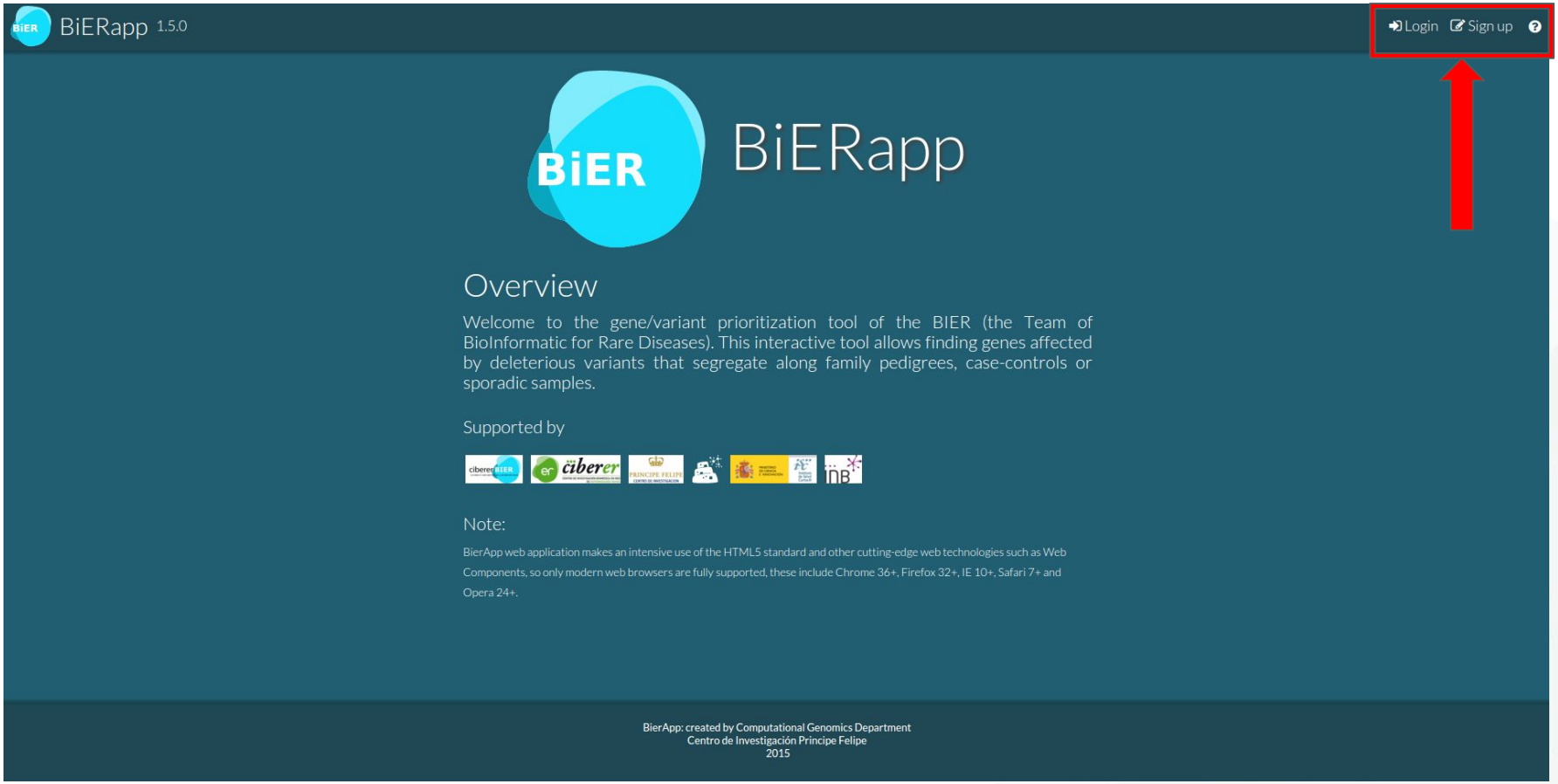


Tool interface:

http://courses.babelomics.org/bierapp



Tool interface: Sign up /Log in



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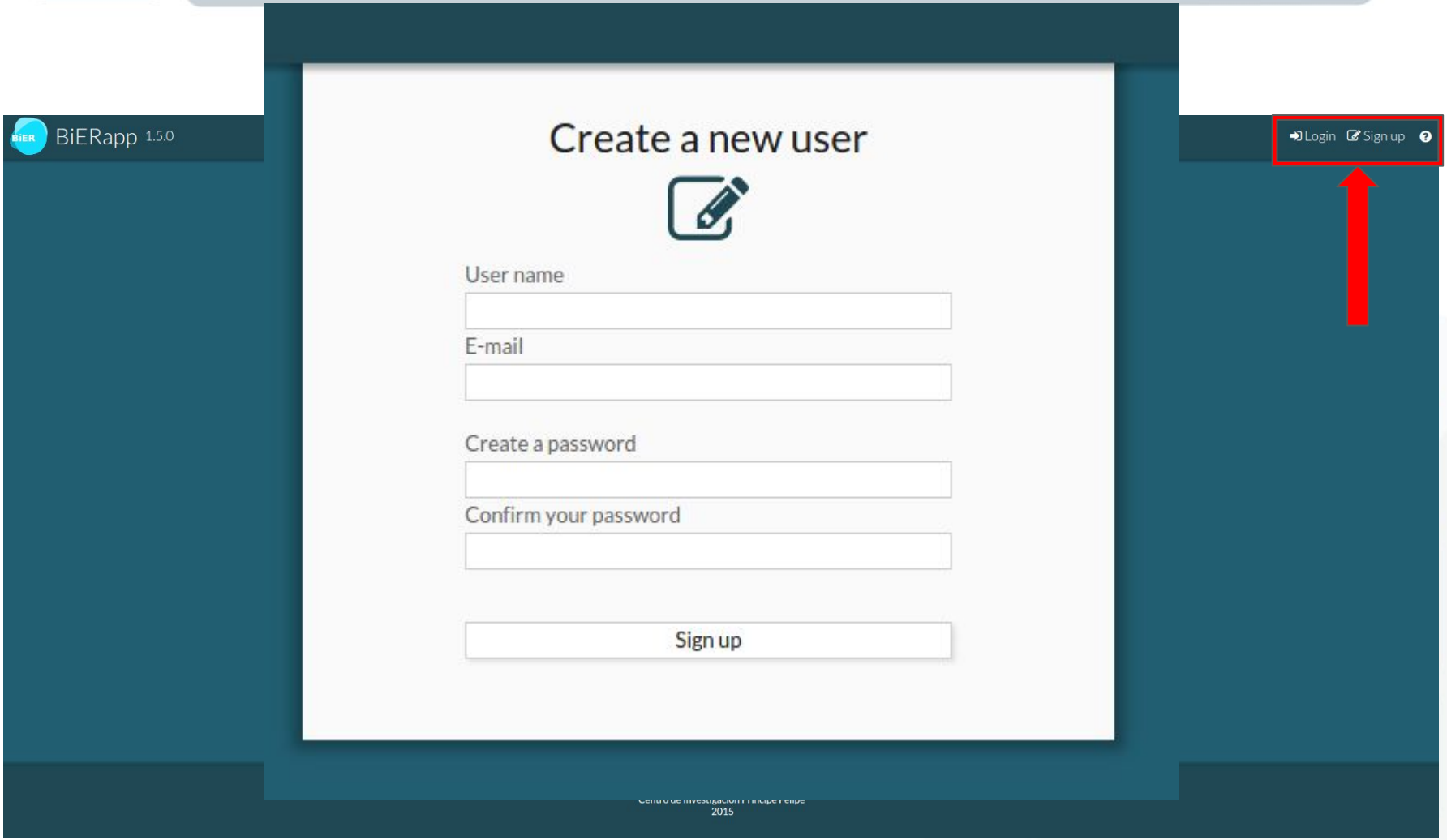

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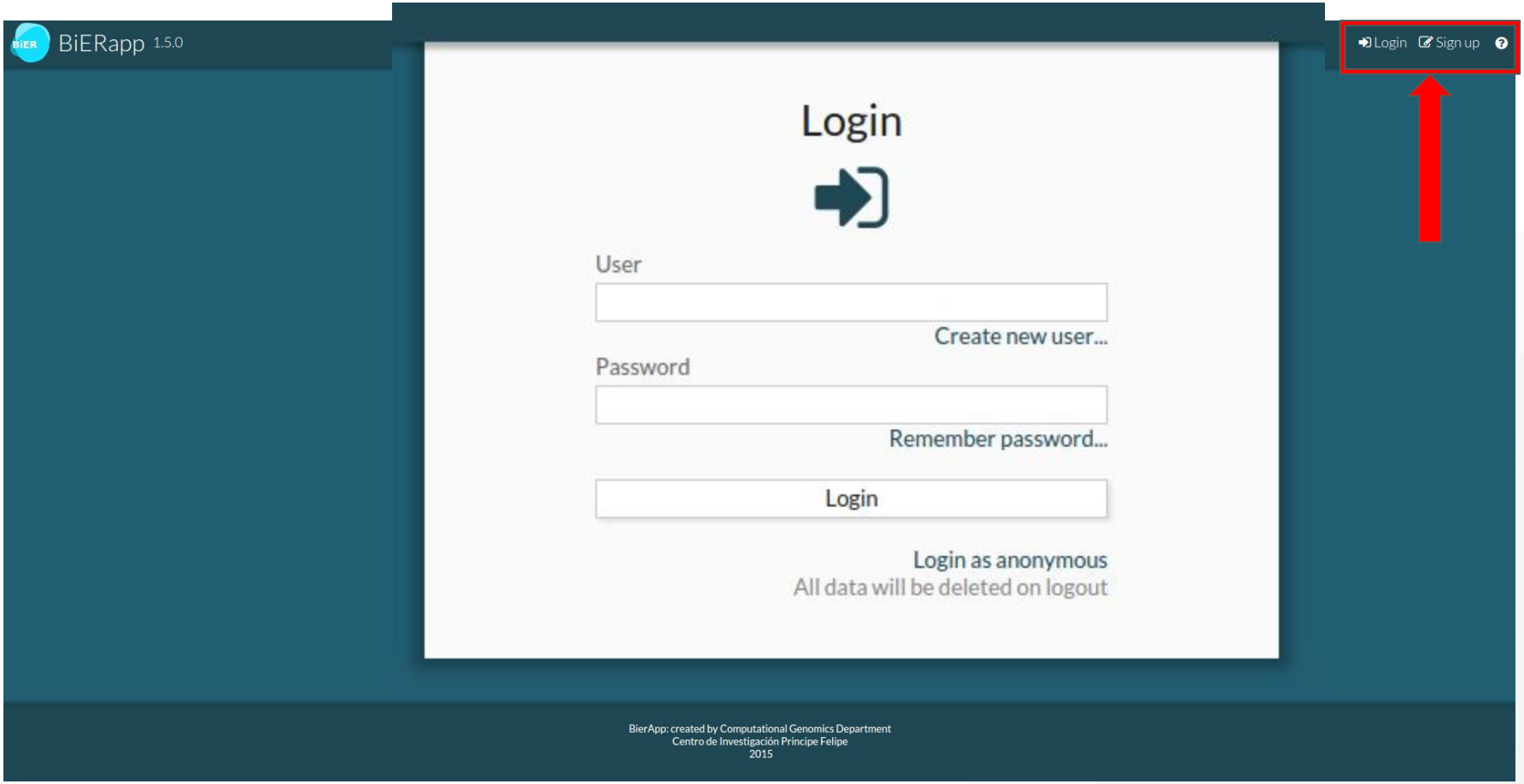
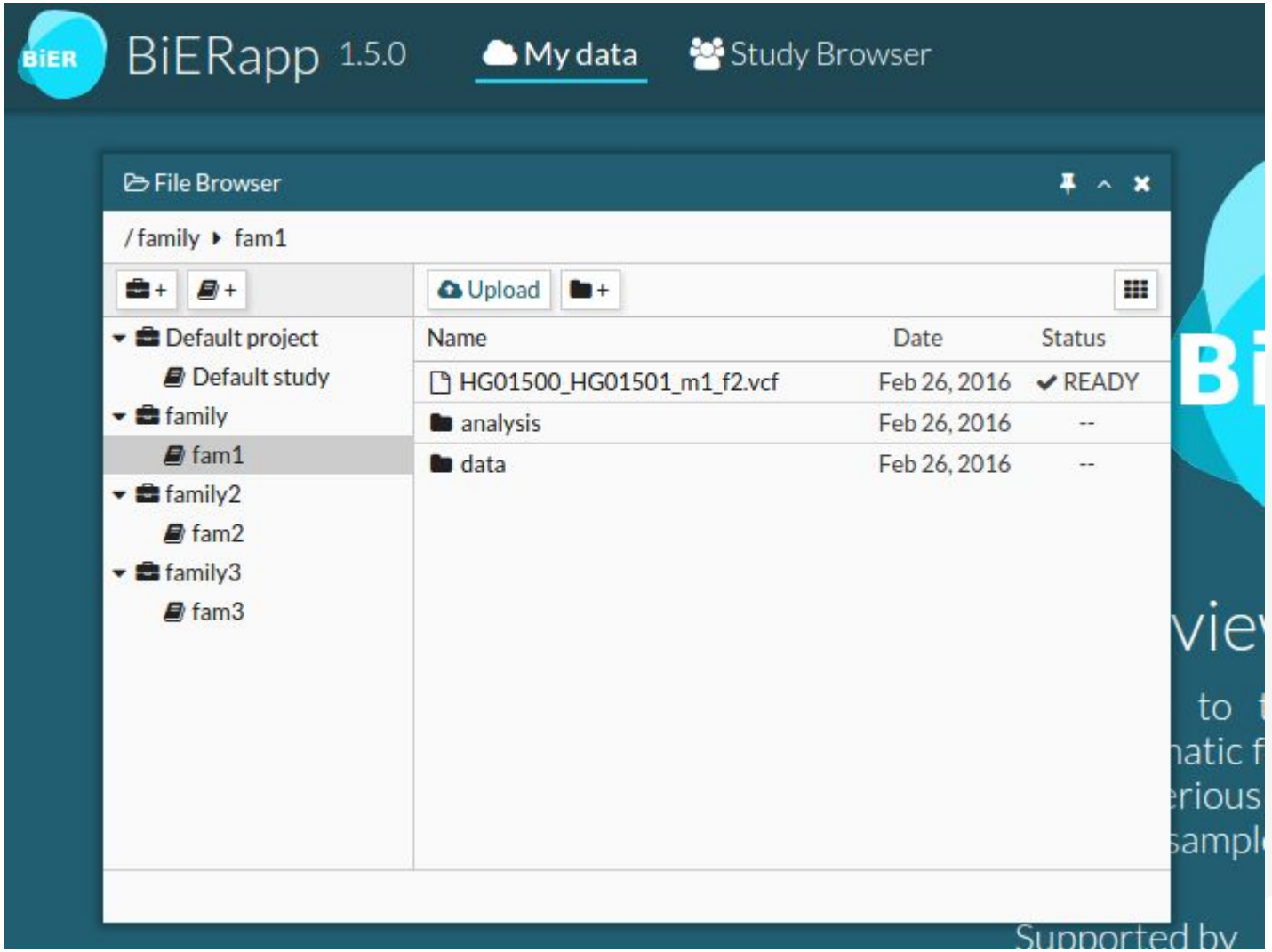


Tool interface: Project/Study



Tool interface: Project/Study

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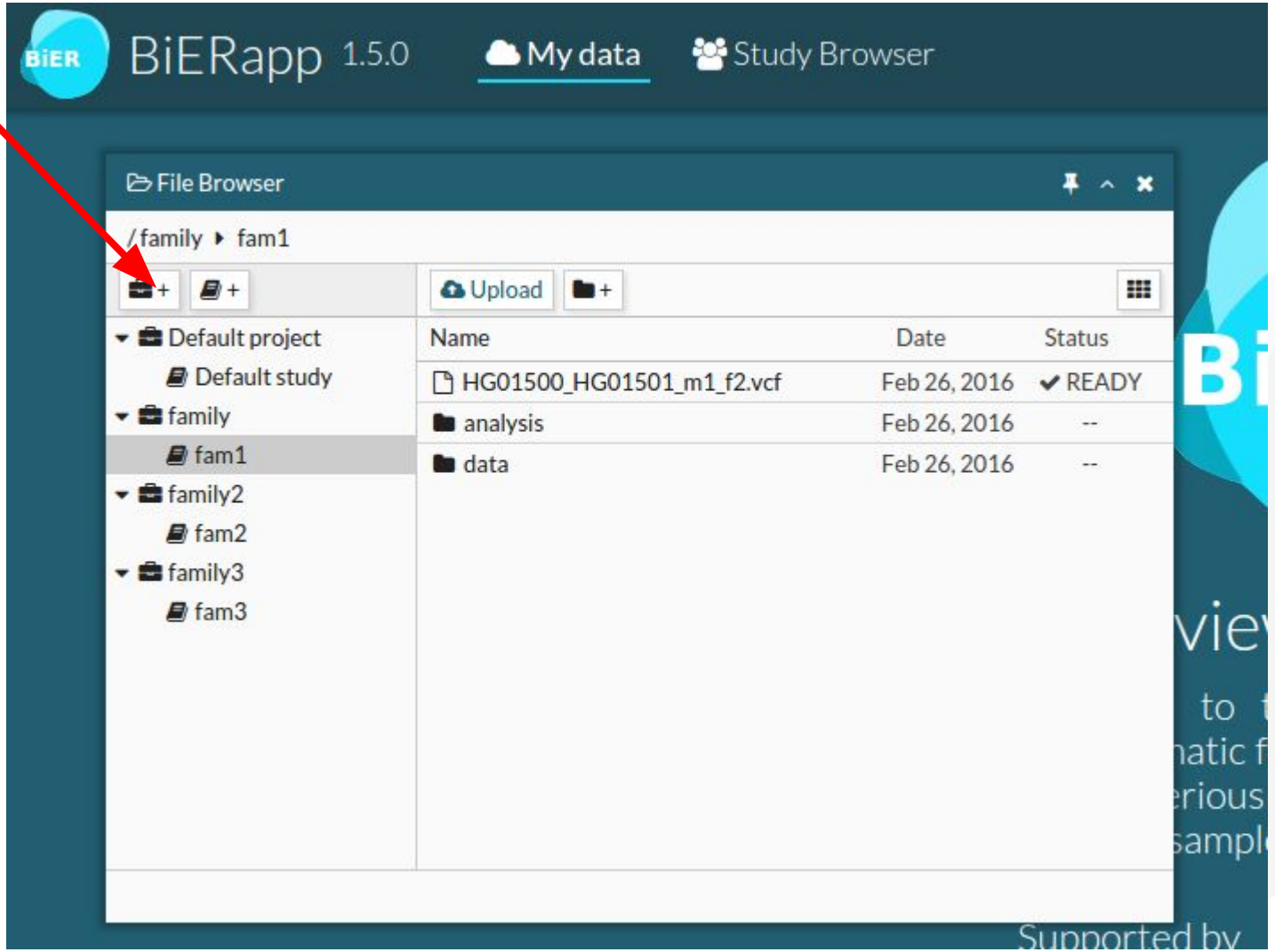

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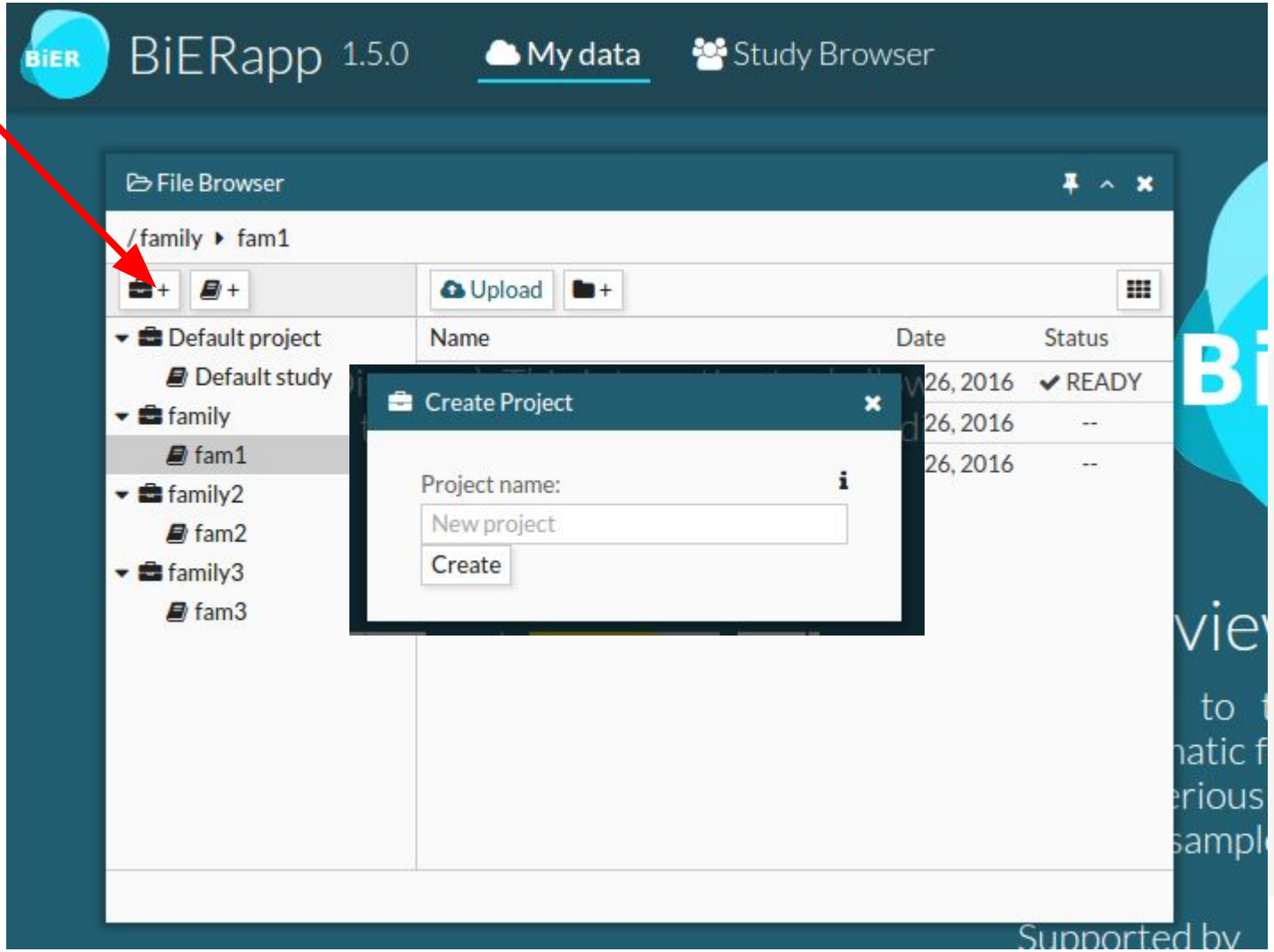

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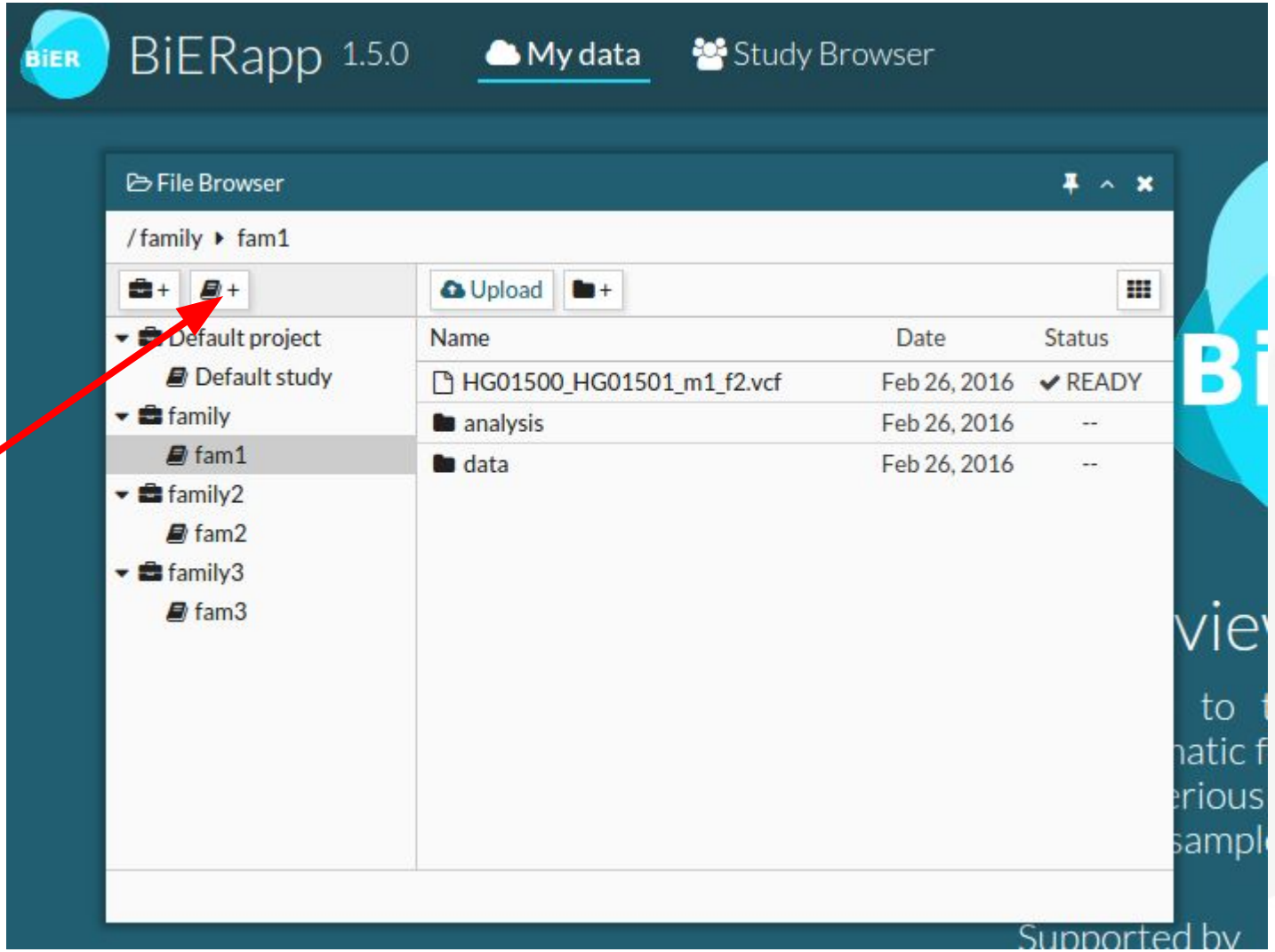

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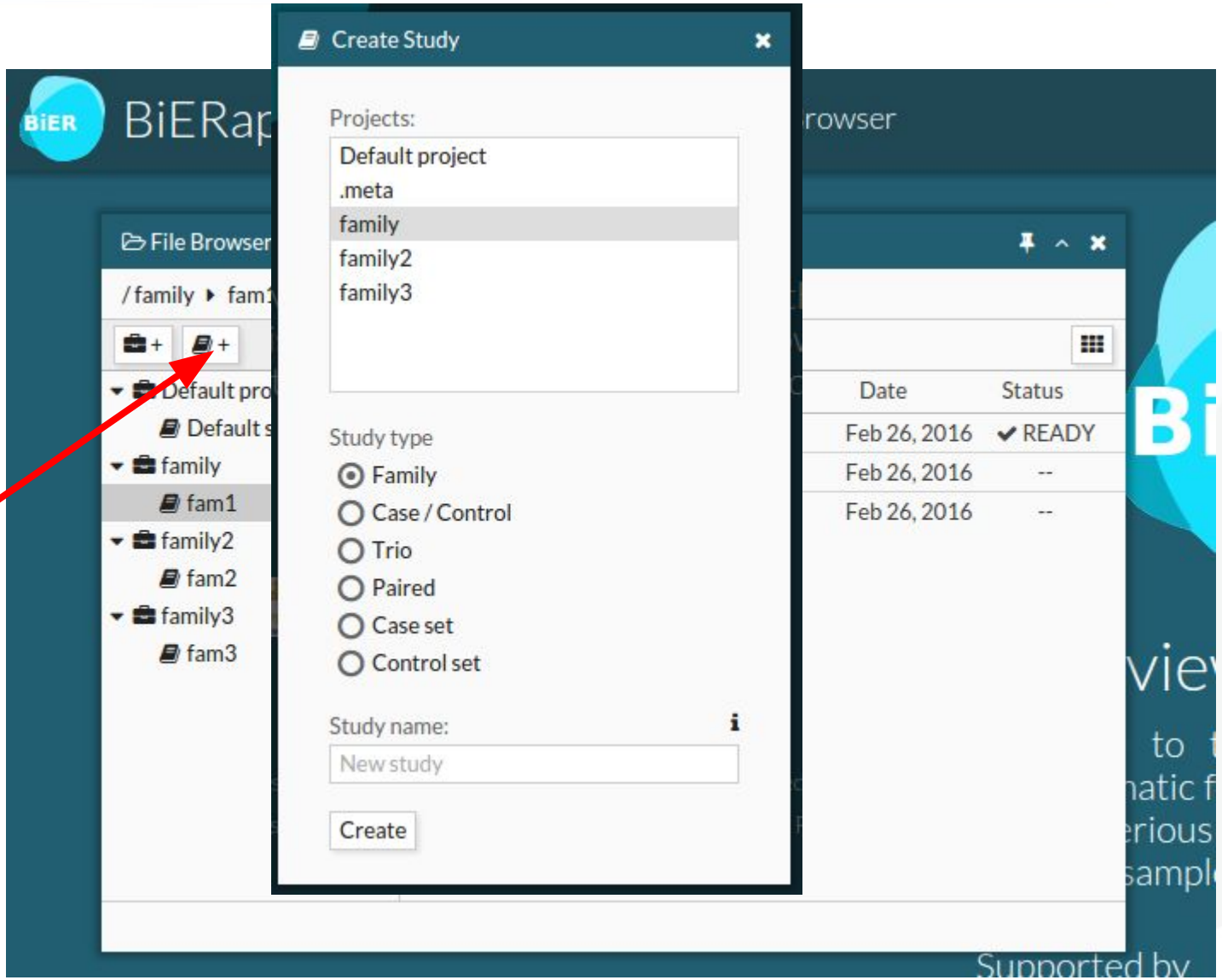

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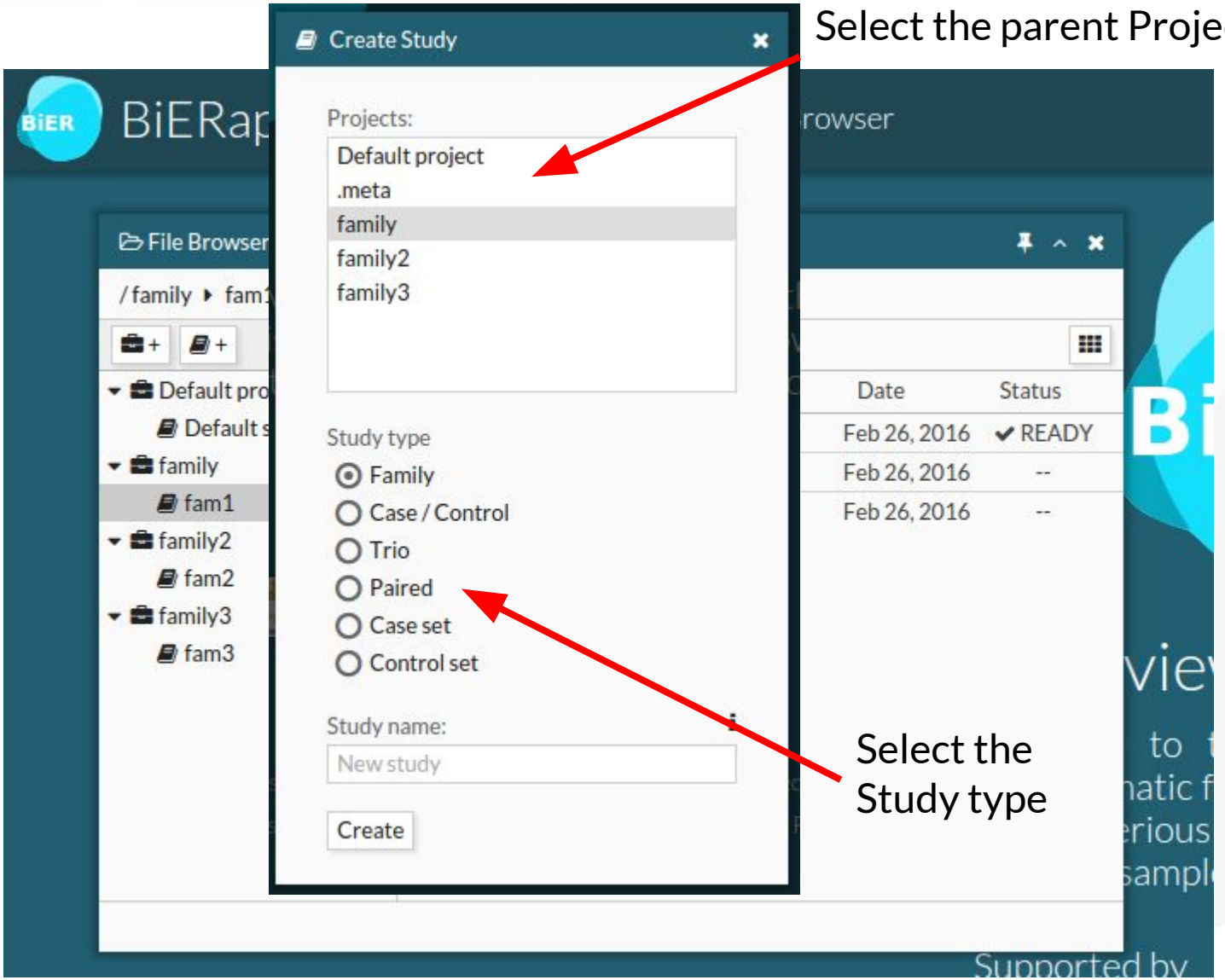
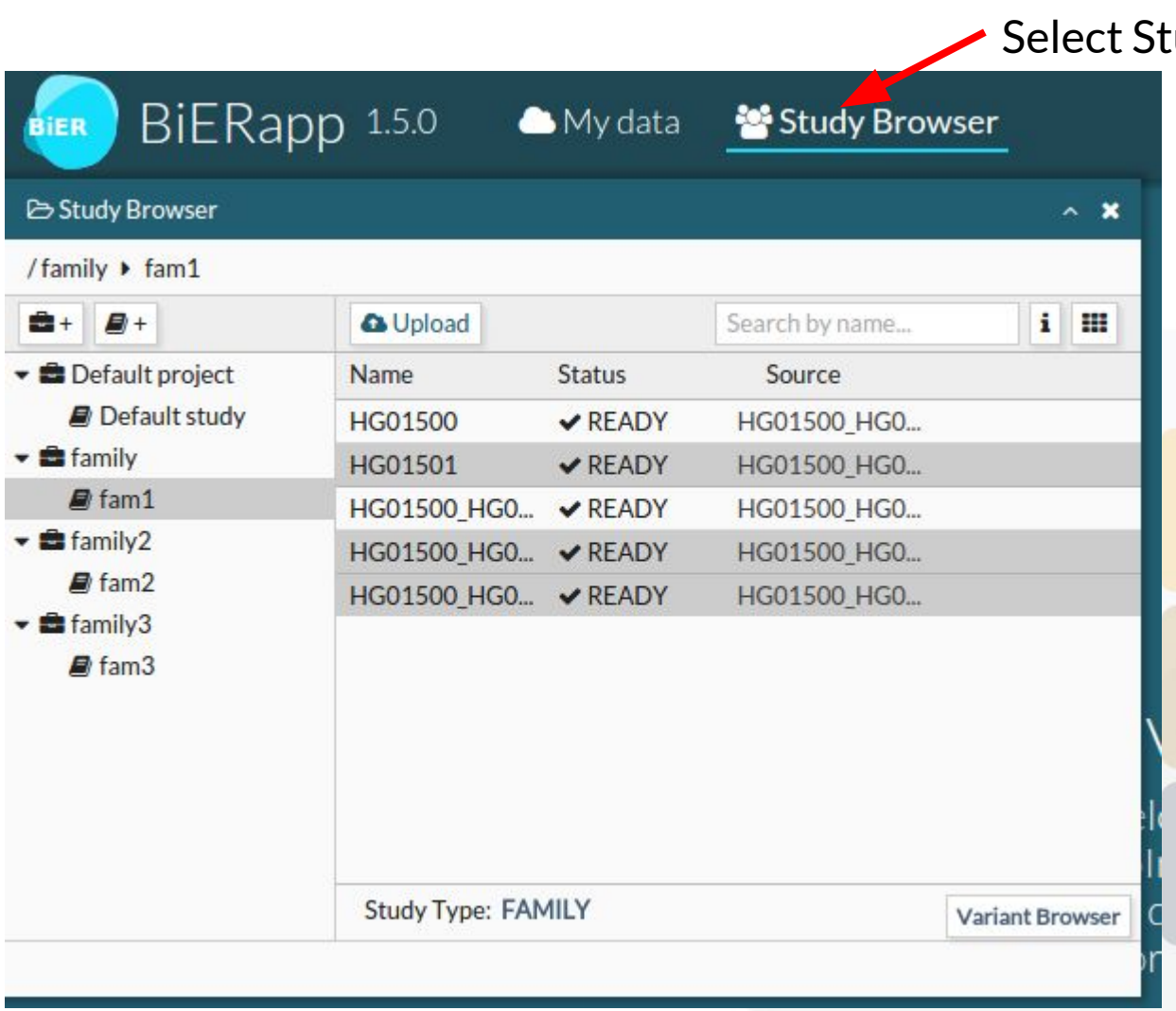


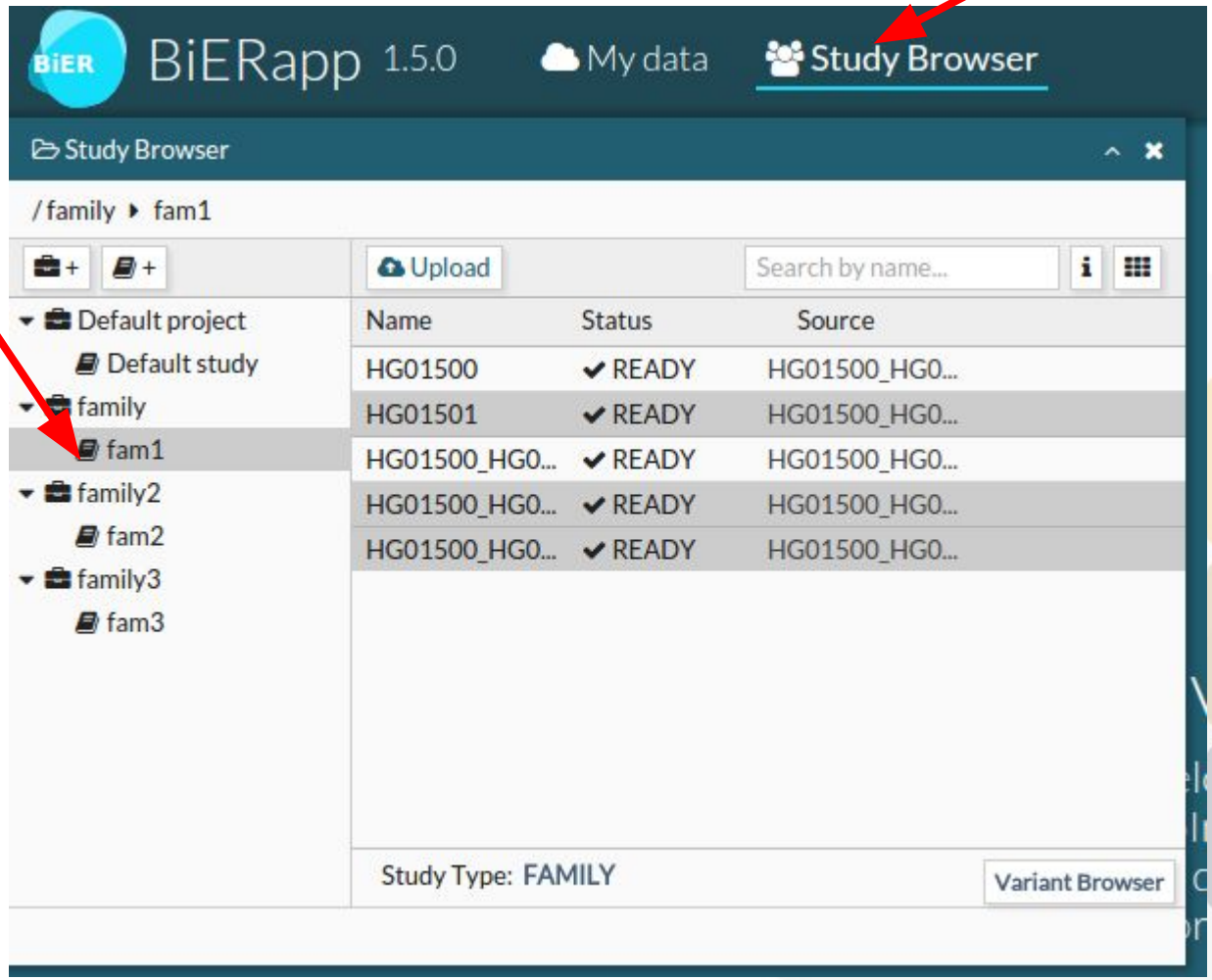
Tool interface: Study Browser



Tool interface: Study Browser

Select Study Browser

Choose your study



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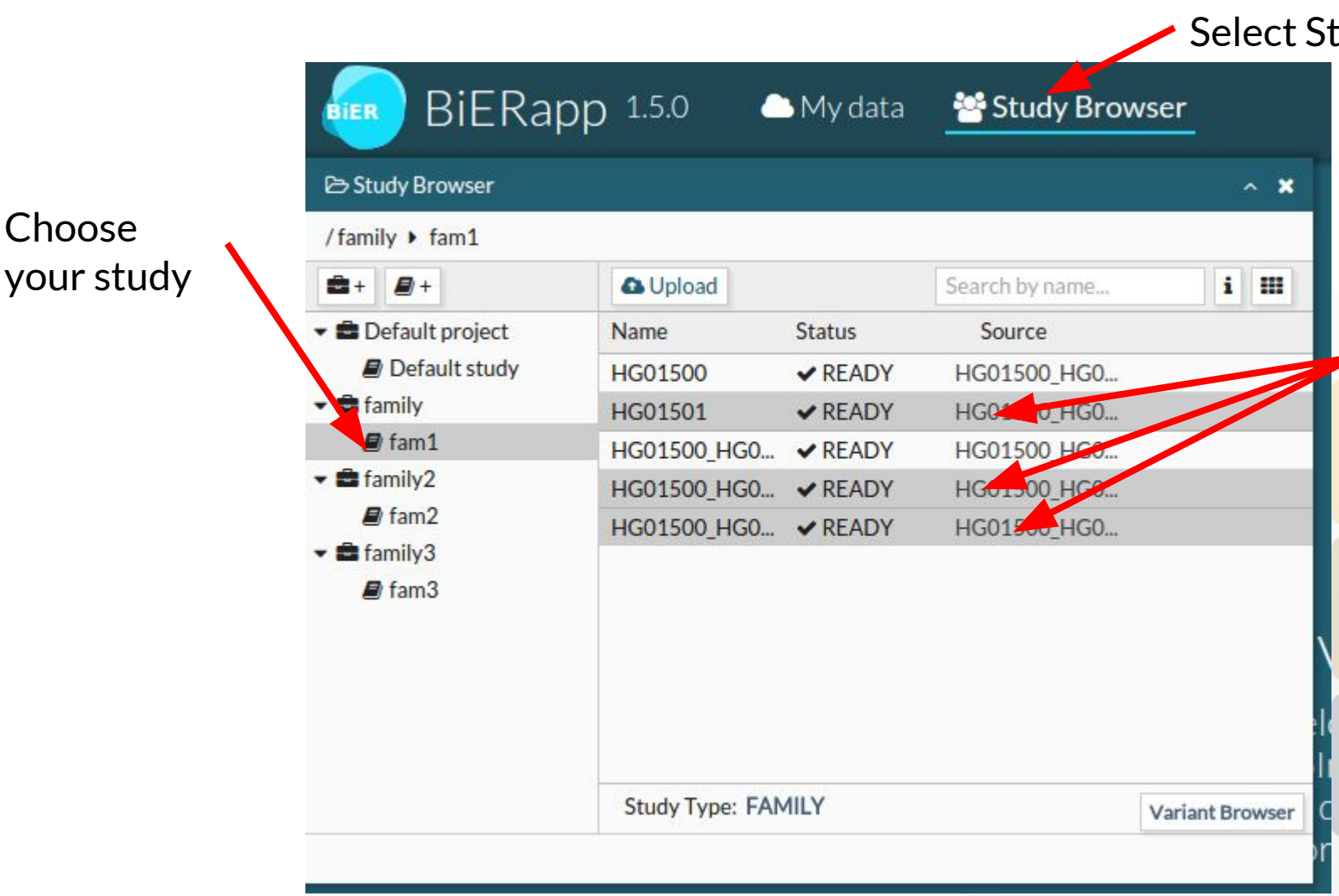

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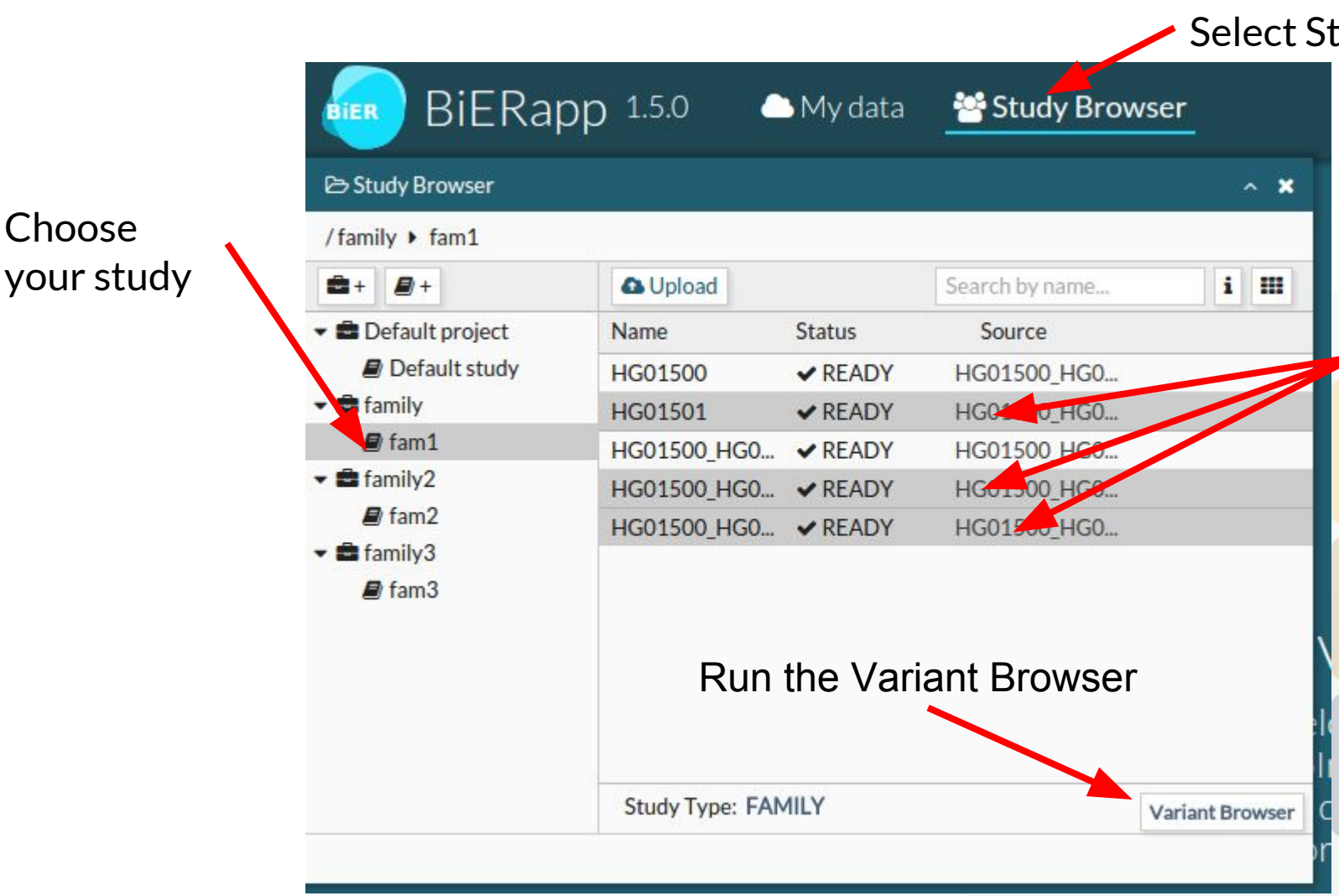

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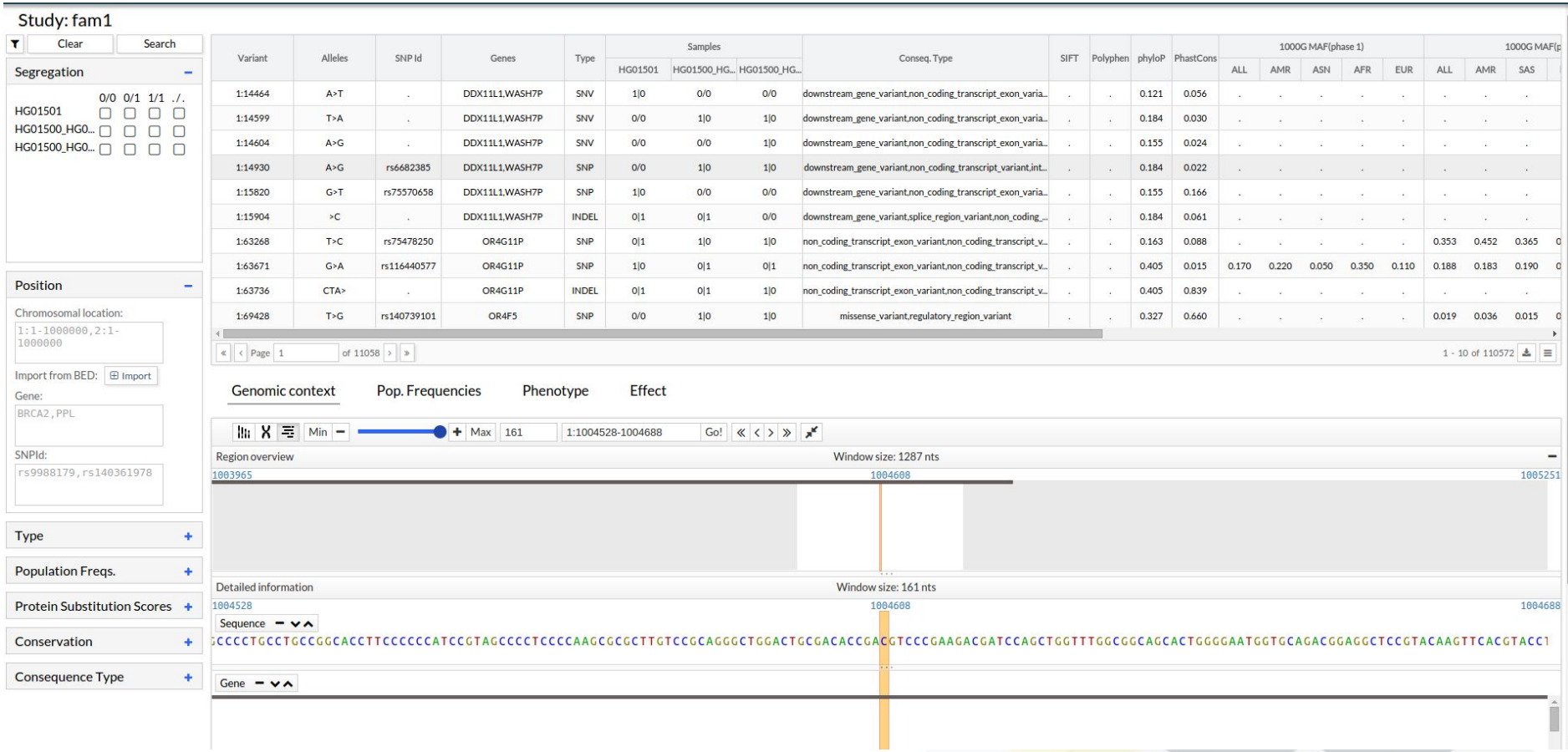

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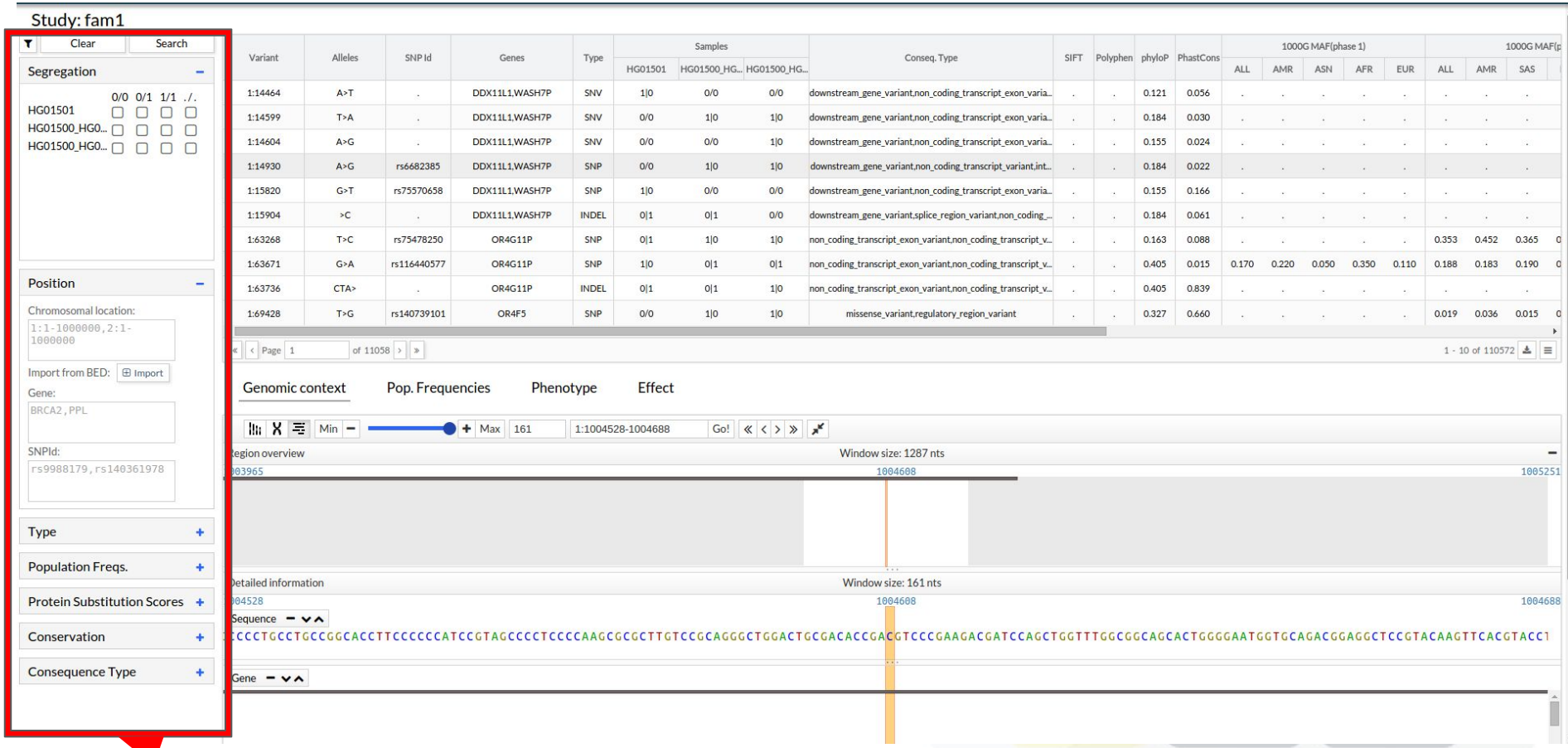
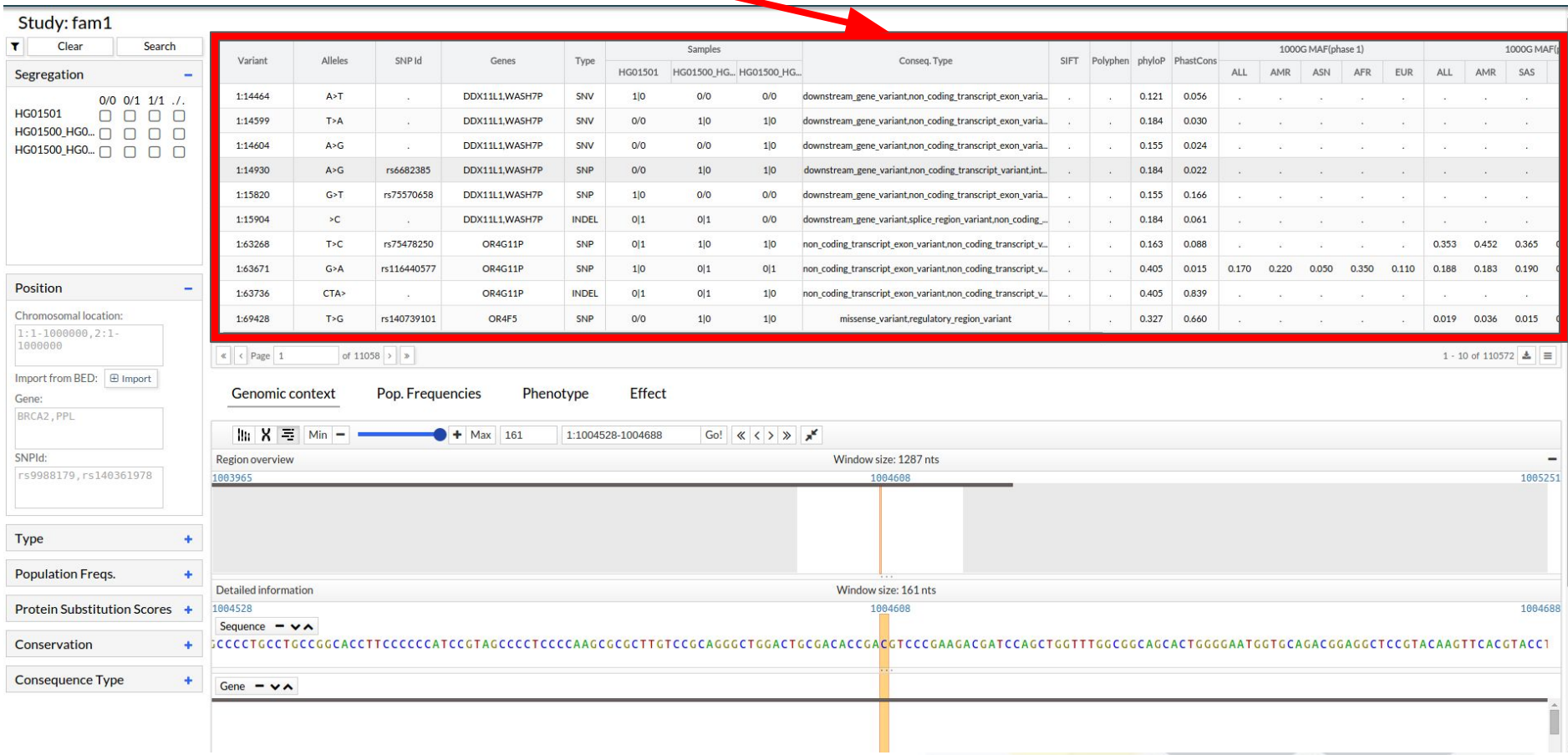


Filters

Tool interface: Variant Browser

Variants



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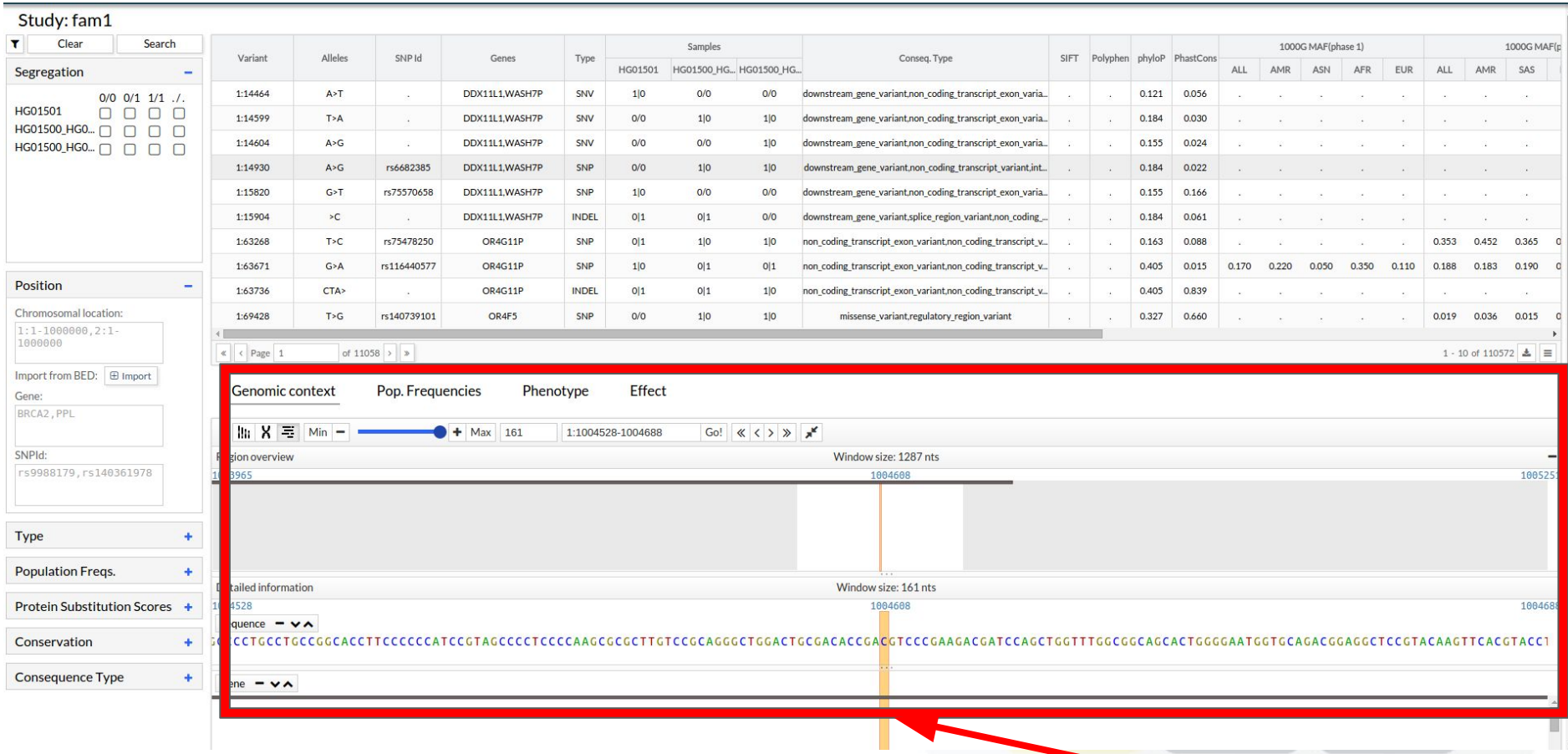
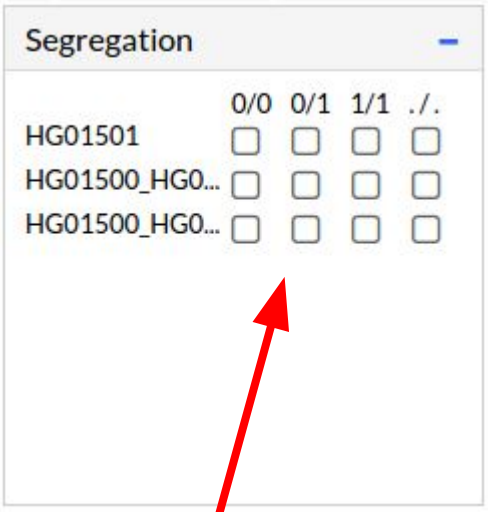


More info

Tool interface: Filters



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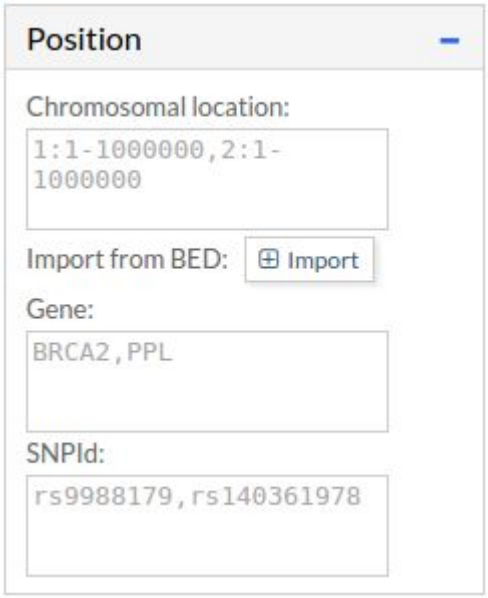
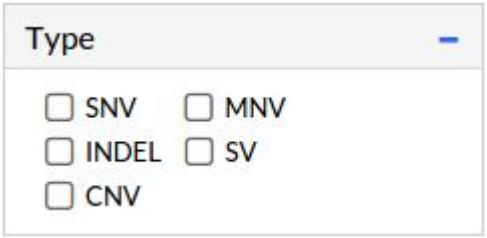


You can filter by region, Chromosome, Gene and SNPid.
You can also import regions from a BED file



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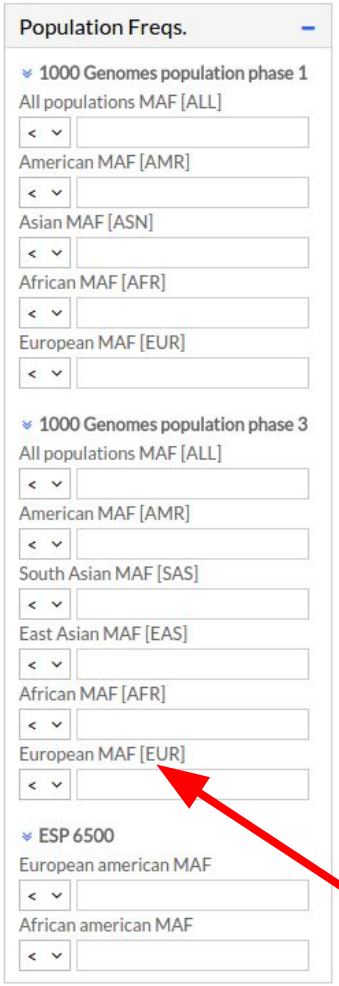

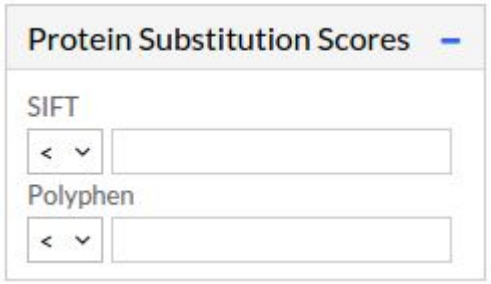

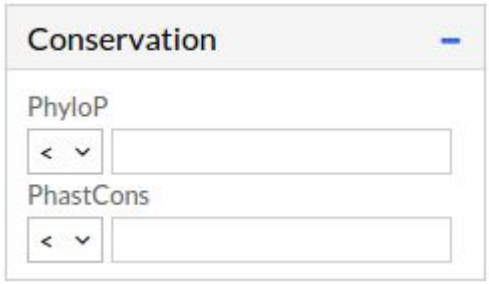

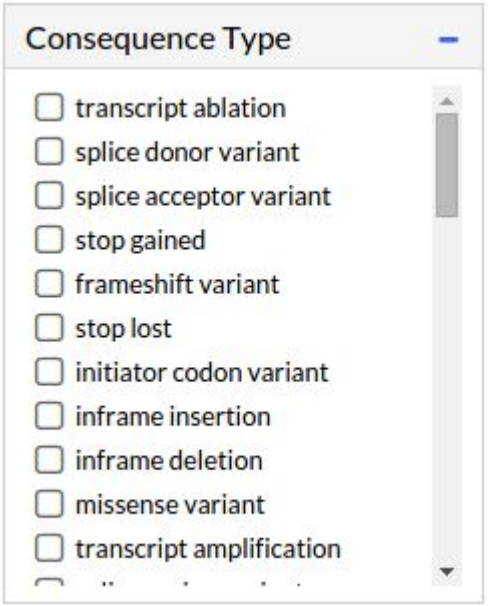

Filter by MAF

- 1000G phase1
- 1000G phase3
- ESP 6500

Tool interface: Variant grid

Resizable columns

Variant	Alleles	SNP Id	Genes	Type	Samples			Conseq. Type	SIFT	Polyphen	phyloP	PhastCons	1000G MAF(phase 1)					1000G MAF(p			
					HG01501	HG01500_HG...	HG01500_HG...						ALL	AMR	ASN	AFR	EUR	ALL	AMR	SAS	
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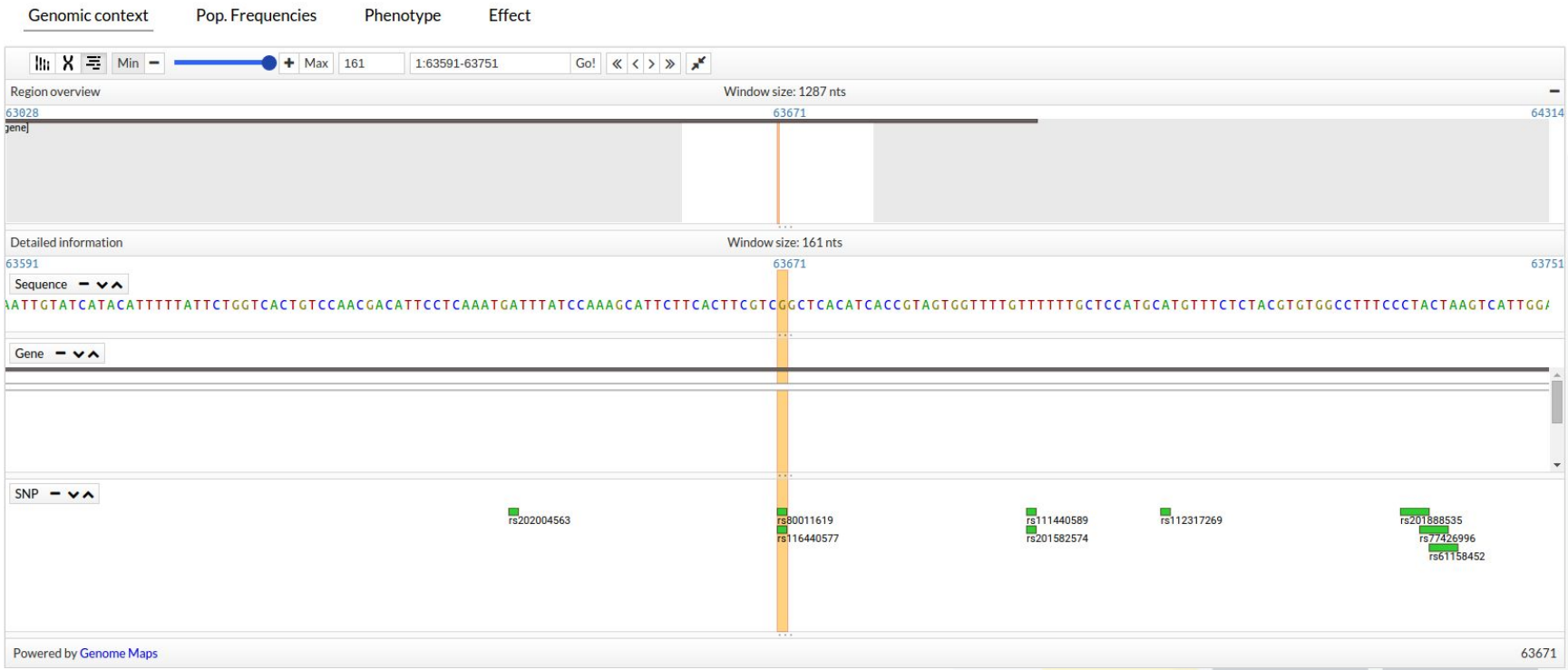
Pagination system

Export to CSV

Column Selector

Tool interface: Genomic Context



Tool interface: Pop. Frequencies

Genomic context | Pop. Frequencies | Phenotype | Effect

Study	Population	SuperPopulation	Ref. Allele	Alt. Allele	Ref. Allele Fr...	Alt. Allele Fr...	MAF	0/0	0/1	
1000G_PHASE_3	1000G_PHASE_3_ALL	1000G_PHASE_3_ALL	G	A	0.813	0.188	0.188	0	0	0
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1000G_PHASE_3	1000G_PHASE_3_AFR	1000G_PHASE_3_AFR	G	A	0.635	0.365	0.365	0	0	0
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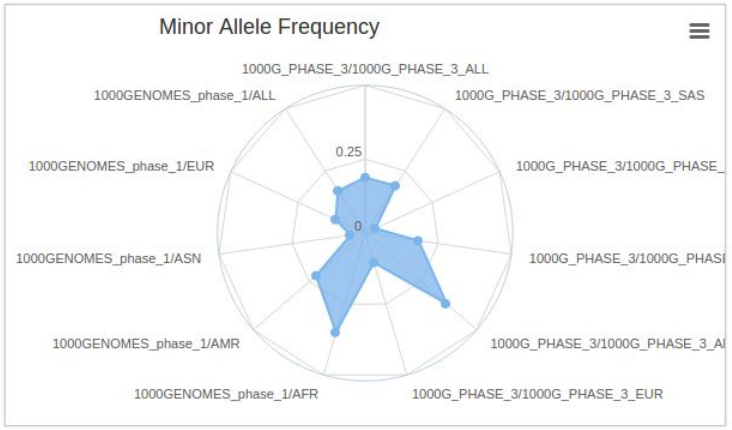

Tool interface: Phenotype & Effect

Genomic context | Pop. Frequencies | Phenotype | Effect

Cosmic:

Gene name	Histology subtype	Mutation ID	Mutation somatic status	Primary histology	Primary site	Sample source	Site subtype	Tumour orig
AGRN	adenocarcinoma	1126908	Confirmed somatic variant	carcinoma	prostate	fresh/frozen - NOS	NS	primary
AGRN	adenocarcinoma	1126908	Confirmed somatic variant	carcinoma	large_intestine	NS	colon	NS
AGRN	neoplasm	1126908	Confirmed somatic variant	other	thyroid	NS	NS	NS
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Total: 5

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Accession	Clinical significance	Gene name	Review status	Traits
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Total: 1

Genomic context | Pop. Frequencies | Phenotype | Effect

Gene Name	Ensembl Gene Id	Ensembl Transcript Id	Conseq. type	Relative Position	Codon	Strand	Biotype	cDna Position	cds Position	AA Position	AA Change	Sift	Polyphen
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Total: 7

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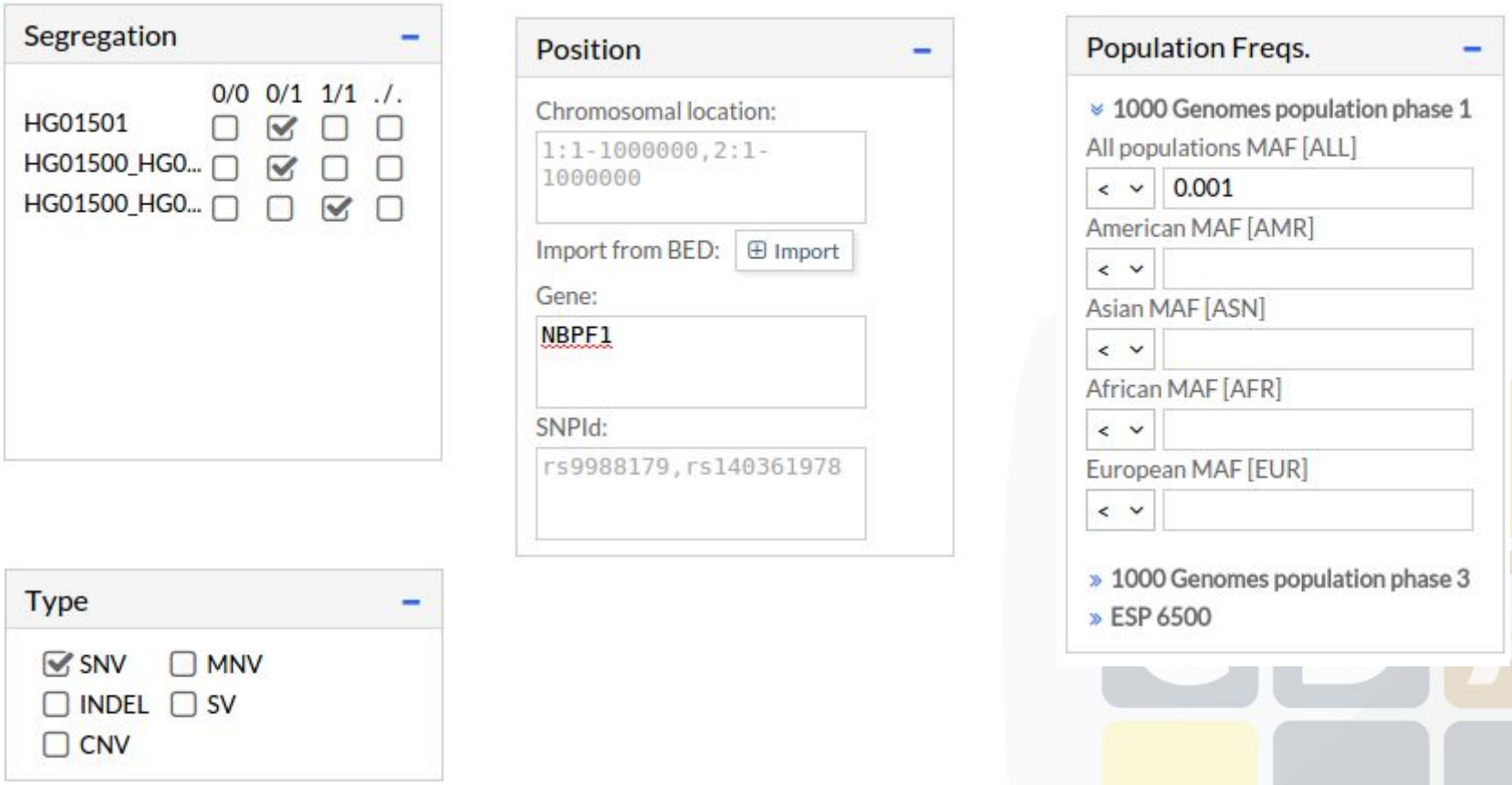
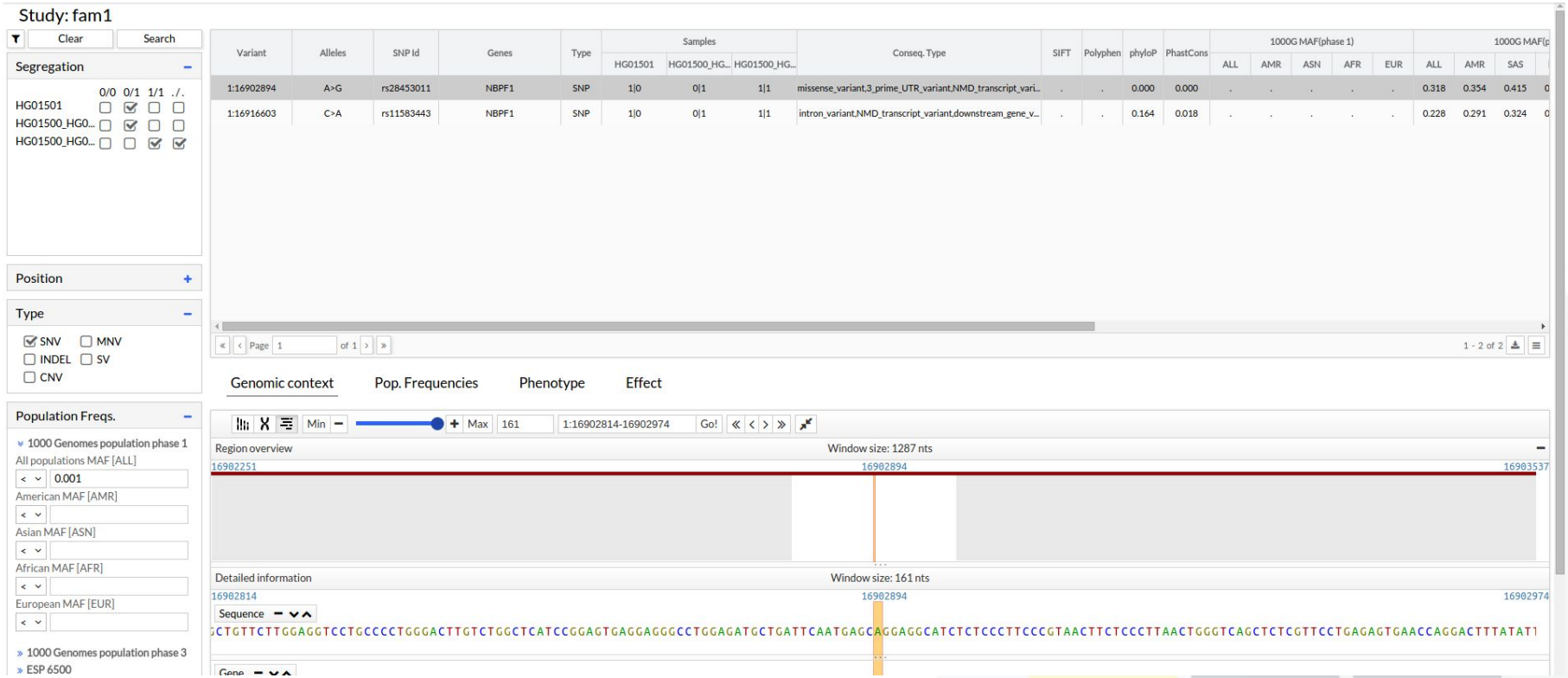


Click on “Search” and view the results

Results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Pop. Frequencies
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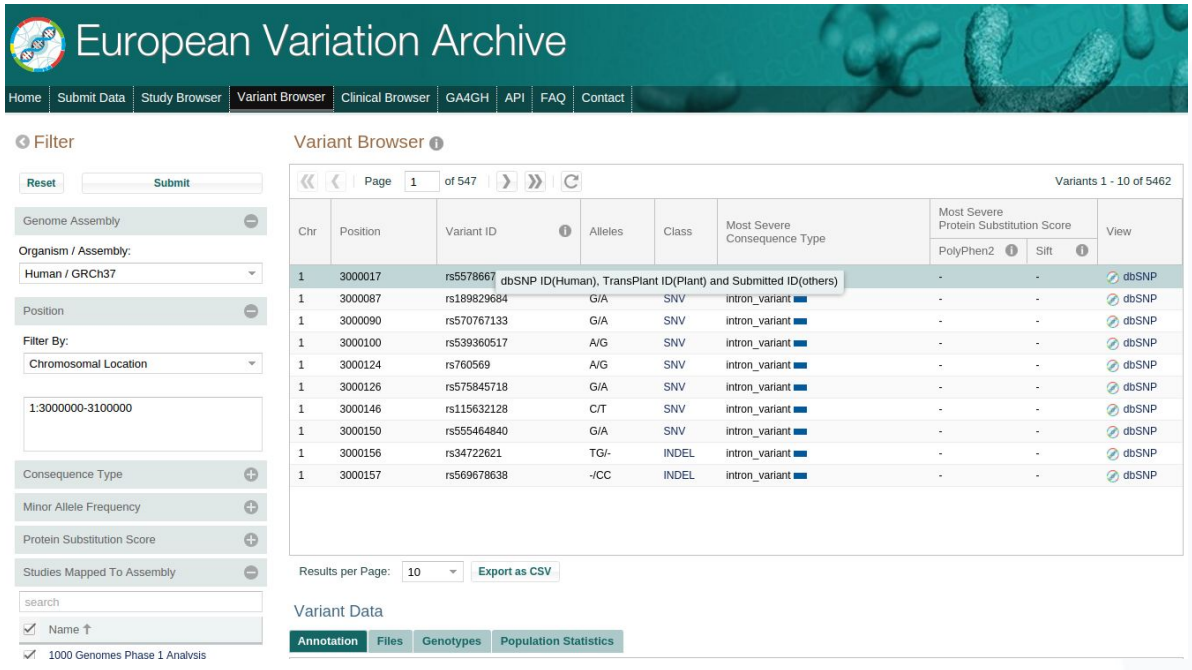

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The EVA has its own customized version of BiERApp.

Conclusions

- The proposed web-based interactive framework has **great potential to detect disease-related variants** in familial diseases as demonstrated by its successful use in several studies.

- **The use of the filters is interactive** and the results are almost instantaneously displayed in a panel that includes the genes affected, the variants and specific information for them.

- Candidate variants are **new knowledge useful for future diagnostic.**

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