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|  | description | Software required | Input file format | Output file format | Content output file |
| STEP 1 | Exclude from the analysis SNPs that do not have IDs of the type ‘rsXXXX’  Imputation step | QCTOOL | .bim  .cal  .bgen  .sample | .gen  .log | Raw SNPs data, by chromosome |
| STEP 2 | Convert .gen into .ped and .map | GTOOL | .gen | .ped  .map | Raw SNPs data, by chromosome |
| STEP 3 | Exclude duplicate SNPs, subjects with ambiguous sex and subjects not meeting inclusion criteria | PLINK | .ped  .map  list\_ID\_to\_delete.txt  (containing IDs of subjects not meeting inclusion criteria) | .bed  .bim  .fam | Duplicates-free raw SNPs data, by chromosome with only subjects included in the study |
| STEP 4 | Filter SNPs based on MAF, call rate, LD and HWE  Filter subjects based on call rate | PLINK | .bed  .bim  .fam | .bed  .bim  .fam | Duplicates-free raw SNPs data, by chromosome with only subjects included in the study |
| STEP 5 | Merge chromosome files into one | PLINK | .bed  .bim  .fam | .bed  .bim  .fam | One file with duplicates-free raw SNPs data |
| STEP 6 | Split data based on subjects’ sex | PLINK | .bed  .bim  .fam | .bed  .bim  .fam | 2 files (female and male) with duplicates-free raw SNPs data |
| STEP 7 | Split data into train and test sets | PLINK | .bed  .bim  .fam  list\_ID\_test.txt (containing IDs of subjects part of the test sets) | .bed  .bim  .fam | 4 files (female train and test; and male train and test) with duplicates-free raw SNPs data |
| STEP 8 | Filter subjects according to a .txt file (study dependent)  Recode SNP data according to additive model | PLINK | .bed  .bim  .fam  .txt (containing IDs of subjects to include in subsequent study) | .bed  .bim  .fam  .raw | Duplicates-free recoded SNPs data |
| STEP 9 | Convert Plink files into .hdf5 file | Python | .bed  .bim  .fam | .hdf5 | Duplicates-free recoded SNPs data in .hdf5 format |