THE BASIC STEPS REQUIRED TO INSTALL AND RUN BIOVOICE ARE DESCRIBED HERE. PLEASE, READ CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING BIOVOICE

Installing BioVoice

In order to use BioVoice, the computer must be equipped with at least an Intel® Core™ i3 processor with a 64-bit card. Windows OS (from Windows 7 on) is required. It does not run under Mac OS.

BioVoice is delivered in a .zip file named BioVoice-master.zip. It is freely downloadable following the link https://github.com/ClaudiaManfredi/BioVoice. Sign up is not requested. Just click on the green "clone or download" button on the top right side of the window as shown in Figure 1 (top left picture). Then, click on "Download ZIP" (top right picture). Save the BioVoice-master.zip file and unzip it. The .zip file contains the executable file BioVoice.exe and a Readme.txt file that describes the main features of BioVoice and how to install it. Maybe warnings will appear that advise against installing this app, depending on the antivirus program that run on the computer. Ignore such warnings and proceed with installation.

The next window that appears is shown in the mid right picture of Figure 1. Press the "Next" button. By default, BioVoice is installed in the "Program files" section of the computer (bottom picture), but another option can be chosen. Eventually, the "Restore Default Folder" button allows restoring the default settings. To add the BioVoice icon to the desktop (recommended choice), check the "Add a shortcut to the desktop" box. Pressing the "Next" button, Matlab runtime is installed. This does not mean that you have to buy the Matlab license not have it installed in your computer. Just press "Install". The download may take several minutes, depending on the computer in use. At the end, the picture in the mid left side of Figure 1 will be displayed. Once 100% of the upload is reached, the window closes automatically.

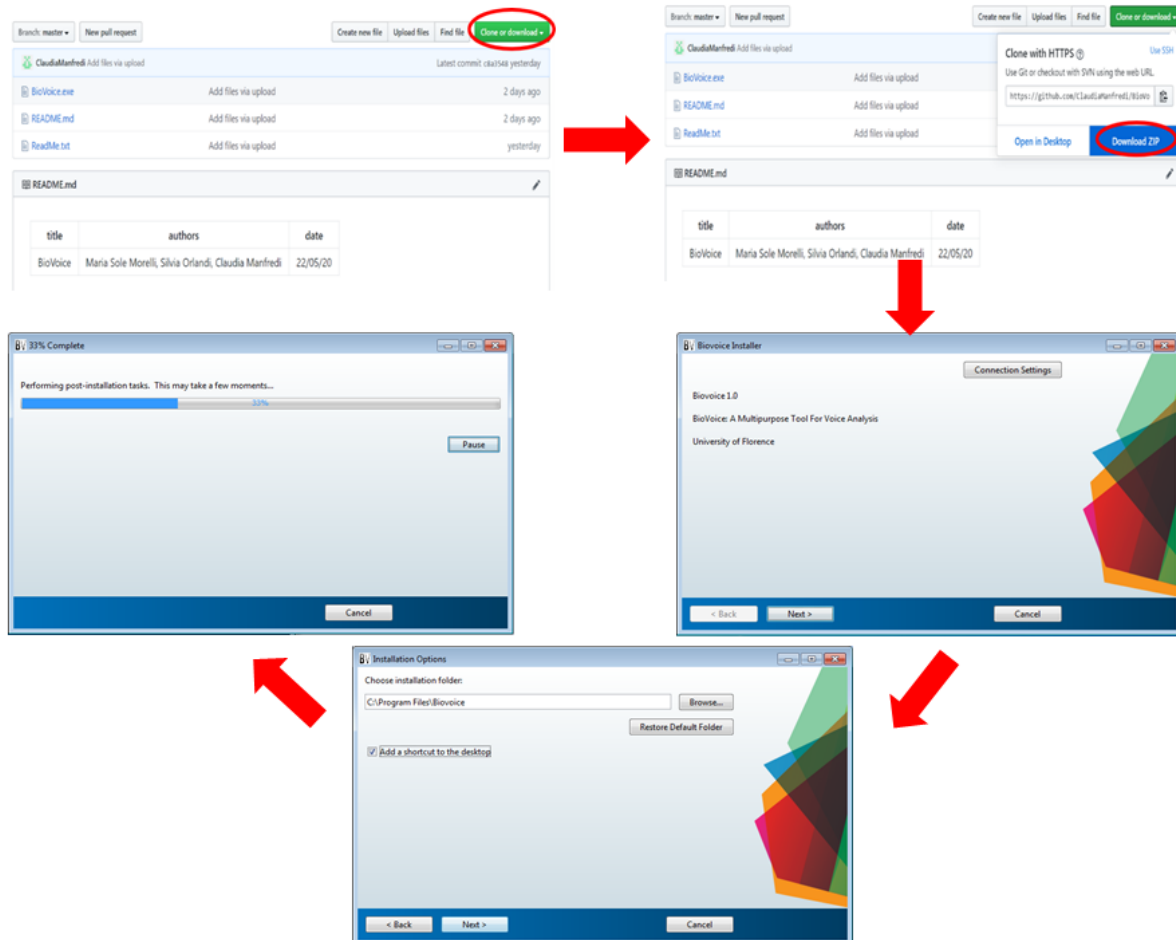Installation requires 2'-10' depending on the computer: be patient!

Figure 1 - BioVoice installation. The main windows displayed during installation of BioVoice are shown clockwise starting from the upper left picture

Running BioVoice

BioVoice can be launched from the folder where it was installed or through a link on the desktop. A picture showing the logo is displayed (Figure 2). After 1'-2' (be patient again!) the main BioVoice interface appears along with a warning message (Figure 3). Excel files or figures concerning previous analysis must be closed, otherwise BioVoice could stop running.
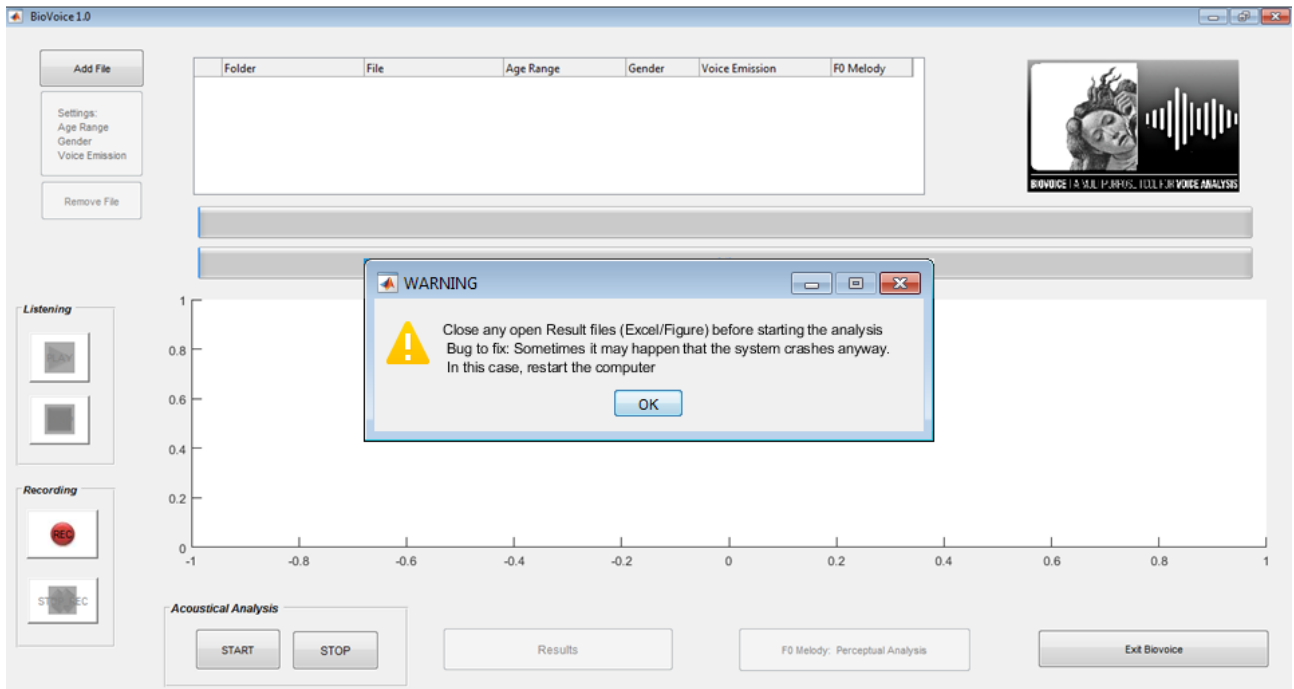

Figure 2 – BioVoice Logo

Figure 3 – BioVoice user-friendly interface. Buttons on the left and lower side allow several choices.