

# Package ‘vcfppR’

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**Description** The 'vcfpp.h' (<<https://github.com/Zilong-Li/vcfpp>>) provides an easy-to-use 'C++' 'API' of 'htlib', offering full functionality for manipulating Variant Call Format (VCF) files. The 'vcfppR' package serves as the R bindings of the 'vcfpp.h' library, enabling rapid processing of both compressed and uncompressed VCF files. Explore a range of powerful features for efficient VCF data manipulation.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/Zilong-Li/vcfppR>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Zilong-Li/vcfppR/issues>

vcfcomp

*Compare two VCF/BCF files reporting various statistics***Description**

Compare two VCF/BCF files reporting various statistics

**Usage**

```
vcfcomp(
  test,
  truth,
  formats = c("DS", "GT"),
  stats = "r2",
  by.sample = FALSE,
  by.variant = FALSE,
  flip = FALSE,
  names = NULL,
  bins = NULL,
  af = NULL,
  out = NULL,
  choose_random_start = FALSE,
  return_pse_sites = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>test</code>	path to the comparison file (test), which can be a VCF/BCF file, vcftable object or saved RDS file.
<code>truth</code>	path to the baseline file (truth), which can be a VCF/BCF file, vcftable object or saved RDS file.
<code>formats</code>	character vector. the FORMAT tags to extract for the test and truth respectively. default <code>c("DS", "GT")</code> extracts 'DS' of the target and 'GT' of the truth.
<code>stats</code>	the statistics to be calculated. supports the following. "r2": pearson correlation coefficient ** 2. "f1": F1-score, good balance between sensitivity and precision. "nrc": Non-Reference Concordance rate "pse": Phasing Switch Error rate
<code>by.sample</code>	logical. calculate sample-wise concordance, which can be stratified by MAF bin.
<code>by.variant</code>	logical. calculate variant-wise concordance, which can be stratified by MAF bin. If <code>by.sample</code> is TRUE, then do sample-wise calculation only regardless the value of <code>by.variant</code> . If both <code>by.sample</code> and <code>by.variant</code> are FALSE, then do calculations for all samples and variants together in a bin.
<code>flip</code>	logical. flip the ref and alt variants
<code>names</code>	character vector. reset samples' names in the test VCF.

**bins** numeric vector. break statistics into allele frequency bins.  
**af** file path to allele frequency text file or saved RDS file.  
**out** output prefix for saving objects into RDS file  
**choose\_random\_start** choose random start for stats="pse"  
**return\_pse\_sites** boolean. return phasing switch error sites  
**...** options passed to vcftable

### Details

vcfcomp implements various statistics to compare two VCF/BCF files, e.g. report genotype concordance, correlation stratified by allele frequency.

### Value

a list of various statistics

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### Examples

```

library('vcfppR')
test <- system.file("extdata", "imputed.gt.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")
truth <- system.file("extdata", "imputed.gt.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")
samples <- "HG00133,HG00143,HG00262"
res <- vcfcomp(test, truth, stats="f1", samples=samples, setid=TRUE)
str(res)

```

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vcfplot

*Make sensible and beautiful plots based on various objects in vcfppR*

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### Description

Make sensible and beautiful plots based on various objects in vcfppR

### Usage

```
vcfplot(obj, which.sample = NULL, variant = c("SNP", "INDEL"), pop = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	object returned by vcftable, vcftcomp, vcfsummary
which.sample	which sample to be plotted. NULL will aggregate all samples.
variant	which types of variant are desired
pop	file contains population information
...	parameters passed to graphics

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vcfpopgen	<i>count the heterozygous sites per sample in the VCF/BCF</i>
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**Description**

count the heterozygous sites per sample in the VCF/BCF

**Usage**

```
vcfpopgen(
  vcffile,
  region = "",
  samples = "-",
  pass = FALSE,
  qual = 0,
  fun = "heterozygosity"
)
```

**Arguments**

vcffile	path to the VCF/BCF file
region	region to subset like bcftools
samples	samples to subset like bcftools
pass	restrict to variants with FILTER==PASS
qual	restrict to variants with QUAL > qual.
fun	which popgen function to run. available functions are "heterozygosity".

**Value**

vcfpopgen a list containing the following components:

- samples** : character vector;  
the samples ids in the VCF file after subsetting
- hets** : integer vector;  
the counts of heterozygous sites of each sample in the same order as samples

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**Examples**

```
library('vcfppR')
vcffile <- system.file("extdata", "raw.gt.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")
res <- vcfpopgen(vcffile)
str(res)
```

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vcfreader

*API for manipulating the VCF/BCF.*


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**Description**

Type the name of the class to see the details and methods

**Value**

A C++ class with the following fields/methods for manipulating the VCF/BCF

**Fields**

`new` Constructor given a vcf file

- Parameter: `vcffile` - The path of a vcf file

`new` Constructor given a vcf file and the region

- Parameter: `vcffile` - The path of a vcf file
- Parameter: `region` - The region to be constrained

`new` Constructor given a vcf file, the region and the samples

- Parameter: `vcffile` - The path of a vcf file
- Parameter: `region` - The region to be constrained
- Parameter: `samples` - The samples to be constrained. Comma separated list of samples to include (or exclude with "^" prefix).

`setRegion` try to set specific region to work with. will throw errors if no index or region found. Use `getStatus` to check if the region is valid or empty!

`getStatus` return 1: region is valid and not empty. 0: region is valid but empty. -1: no index file. -2: region not found or invalid region form

`variant` Try to get next variant record. return FALSE if there are no more variants or hit the end of file, otherwise TRUE.

`chr` Return the CHROM field of current variant

`pos` Return the POS field of current variant

`id` Return the CHROM field of current variant

`ref` Return the REF field of current variant

`alt` Return the ALT field of current variant

`qual` Return the QUAL field of current variant

`filter` Return the FILTER field of current variant

`info` Return the INFO field of current variant

`infoInt` Return the tag value of integer type in INFO field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in INFO

`infoFloat` Return the tag value of float type in INFO field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in INFO

`infoStr` Return the tag value of string type in INFO field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in INFO

`infoIntVec` Return the tag value in a vector of integer type in INFO field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in INFO

`infoFloatVec` Return the tag value in a vector of float type in INFO field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in INFO

`genotypes` Return the genotype values in a vector of integers

- Parameter: collapse - Boolean value indicates wheather to collapse the size of genotypes, eg, return diploid genotypes.

`formatInt` Return the tag value of integer type for each sample in FORAMT field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in FORAMT

`formatFloat` Return the tag value of float type for each sample in FORAMT field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in FORAMT

`formatStr` Return the tag value of string type for each sample in FORAMT field of current variant

- Parameter: tag - The tag name to retrieve in FORAMT

`isSNP` Test if current variant is exculsively a SNP or not

`isIndel` Test if current variant is exculsively a INDEL or not

`isSV` Test if current variant is exculsively a SV or not

`isMultiAllelics` Test if current variant is exculsively a Multi Allelics or not

`isMultiAllelicSNP` Test if current variant is exculsively a Multi Biallelics (SNPs) or not

`hasSNP` Test if current variant has a SNP or not

`hasINDEL` Test if current variant has a INDEL or not

`hasINS` Test if current variant has a INS or not

`hasDEL` Test if current variant has a DEL or not

`hasMNP` Test if current variant has a MNP or not

`hasBND` Test if current variant has a BND or not

`hasOTHER` Test if current variant has a OTHER or not

`hasOVERLAP` Test if current variant has a OVERLAP or not

`nsamples` Return the number of samples

`samples` Return a vector of samples id

`header` Return the raw string of the vcf header

`string` Return the raw string of current variant including newline

`line` Return the raw string of current variant without newline

`output` Init an output object for streaming out the variants to another vcf

`updateSamples` update samples name in the output VCF

- Parameter: `s` - A comma-separated string for new samples names

`write` Streaming out current variant the output vcf

`close` Close the connection to the output vcf

`setCHR` Modify the CHR of current variant

- Parameter: `s` - A string for CHR

`setID` Modify the ID of current variant

- Parameter: `s` - A string for ID

`setPOS` Modify the POS of current variant

- Parameter: `pos` - An integer for POS

`setRefAlt` Modify the REF and ALT of current variant

- Parameter: `s` - A string repeated by comma

`setInfoInt` Modify the given tag of INT type in the INFO of current variant

- Parameter: `tag` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `v` - An integer for the tag value

`setInfoFloat` Modify the given tag of FLOAT type in the INFO of current variant

- Parameter: `tag` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `v` - A double for the tag value

`setInfoStr` Modify the given tag of STRING type in the INFO of current variant

- Parameter: `tag` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `s` - A string for the tag value

`setPhasing` Modify the phasing status of each sample

- Parameter: `v` - An integer vector with size of the number of samples. only 1s and 0s are valid.

`setGenotypes` Modify the genotypes of current variant

- Parameter: `v` - An integer vector for genotypes. Use NA or -9 for missing value.

`setFormatInt` Modify the given tag of INT type in the FORMAT of current variant

- Parameter: `tag` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `v` - An integer for the tag value

`setFormatFloat` Modify the given tag of FLOAT type in the FORMAT of current variant

- Parameter: `tag` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `v` - A double for the tag value

`setFormatStr` Modify the given tag of STRING type in the FORMAT of current variant

- Parameter: tag - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: s - A string for the tag value

rmInfoTag Remove the given tag from the INFO of current variant

- Parameter: s - A string for the tag name

rmFormatTag Remove the given tag from the FORMAT of current variant

- Parameter: s - A string for the tag name

setVariant Modify current variant by adding a vcf line

- Parameter: s - A string for one line in the VCF

addINFO Add a INFO in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: id - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: number - A string for the number
- Parameter: type - A string for the type
- Parameter: desc - A string for description of what it means

addFORMAT Add a FORMAT in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: id - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: number - A string for the number
- Parameter: type - A string for the type
- Parameter: desc - A string for description of what it means

## Examples

```
vcffile <- system.file("extdata", "raw.gt.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")
br <- vcfreader$new(vcffile)
res <- rep(0L, br$nsamples())
while(br$variant()) {
  if(br$isSNP()) {
    gt <- br$genotypes(TRUE) == 1
    gt[is.na(gt)] <- FALSE
    res <- res + gt
  }
}
```

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vcfsummary

*summarize the various variant types at both variant level and sample level.*

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## Description

summarize the various variant types at both variant level and sample level.

## Usage

```
vcfsummary(  
  vcffile,  
  region = "",  
  samples = "-",  
  pass = FALSE,  
  qual = 0,  
  svtype = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

vcffile	path to the VCF/BCF file
region	region to subset like bcftools
samples	samples to subset like bcftools
pass	restrict to variants with FILTER==PASS
qual	restrict to variants with QUAL > qual.
svtype	summarize the variants with SVTYPE

## Details

```
bcftools view -s "id01,id02" input.bcf.gz chr1:100000-20000
```

## Value

vcfsummary a list containing the following components:

**summary** : named integer vector;  
summarize the counts of each variant type

**samples** : character vector;  
the samples ids in the VCF file after subsetting

**vartype** : integer vector;  
the counts of the variant type at sample level in the same order as samples

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## Examples

```
library('vcfppR')  
svfile <- system.file("extdata", "sv.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")  
res <- vcfsummary(svfile, region = "chr21:1-10000000", svtype = TRUE)  
str(res)
```

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vcftable	<i>read VCF/BCF contents into R data structure</i>
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### Description

The swiss army knife for reading VCF/BCF into R data types rapidly and easily.

### Usage

```
vcftable(
  vcffile,
  region = "",
  samples = "-",
  vartype = "all",
  format = "GT",
  ids = NULL,
  qual = 0,
  pass = FALSE,
  info = TRUE,
  collapse = TRUE,
  setid = FALSE,
  mac = 0
)
```

### Arguments

vcffile	path to the VCF/BCF file
region	region to subset in bcftools-like style: "chr1", "chr1:1-10000000"
samples	samples to subset in bcftools-like style. comma separated list of samples to include (or exclude with "^" prefix). e.g. "id01,id02", "^id01,id02".
vartype	restrict to specific type of variants. supports "snps","indels","sv", "multisnps","multiallelics"
format	the FORMAT tag to extract. default "GT" is extracted.
ids	character vector. restrict to sites with ID in the given vector. default NULL won't filter any sites.
qual	numeric. restrict to variants with QUAL > qual.
pass	logical. restrict to variants with FILTER = "PASS".
info	logical. drop INFO column in the returned list.
collapse	logical. It acts on the FORMAT. If the FORMAT to extract is "GT", the dim of raw genotypes matrix of diploid is (M, 2 * N), where M is #markers and N is #samples. default TRUE will collapse the genotypes for each sample such that the matrix is (M, N). Set this to FALSE if one wants to maintain the phasing order, e.g. "110" is parsed as c(1, 0) with collapse=FALSE. If the FORMAT to extract is not "GT", then with collapse=TRUE it will try to turn a list of the extracted vector into a matrix. However, this raises issues when one variant is mutliallelic resulting in more vaules than others.

**setid**            logical. reset ID column as CHR\_POS\_REF\_ALT.  
**mac**             integer. restrict to variants with minor allele count higher than the value.

### Details

vcftable uses the C++ API of vcfpp, which is a wrapper of htlib, to read VCF/BCF files. Thus, it has the full functionalities of htlib, such as restrict to specific variant types, samples and regions. For the memory efficiency reason, the vcftable is designed to parse only one tag at a time in the FORMAT column of the VCF. In default, only the matrix of genotypes, i.e. "GT" tag, are returned by vcftable, but there are many other tags supported by the format option.

### Value

Return a list containing the following components:

**samples** : character vector;  
the samples ids in the VCF file after subsetting

**chr** : character vector;  
the CHR column in the VCF file

**pos** : character vector;  
the POS column in the VCF file

**id** : character vector;  
the ID column in the VCF file

**ref** : character vector;  
the REF column in the VCF file

**alt** : character vector;  
the ALT column in the VCF file

**qual** : character vector;  
the QUAL column in the VCF file

**filter** : character vector;  
the FILTER column in the VCF file

**info** : character vector;  
the INFO column in the VCF file

**format** : matrix of either integer or numeric values depending on the tag to extract;  
a specify tag in the FORMAT column to be extracted

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### Examples

```
library('vcfppR')
vcffile <- system.file("extdata", "raw.gt.vcf.gz", package="vcfppR")
res <- vcftable(vcffile, "chr21:1-5050000", vartype = "snps")
str(res)
```

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vcfwriter

*API for writing the VCF/BCF.*

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## Description

Type the name of the class to see the details and methods

## Value

A C++ class with the following fields/methods for writing the VCF/BCF

## Fields

`new` Constructor given a vcf file

- Parameter: `vcffile` - The path of a vcf file. don't start with "~"
- Parameter: `version` - The version of VCF specification

`addContig` Add a Contig in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `str` - A string for the CONTIG name

`addFILTER` Add a FILTER in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `id` - A string for the FILTER name
- Parameter: `desc` - A string for description of what it means

`addINFO` Add a INFO in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `id` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `number` - A string for the number
- Parameter: `type` - A string for the type
- Parameter: `desc` - A string for description of what it means

`addFORMAT` Add a FORMAT in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `id` - A string for the tag name
- Parameter: `number` - A string for the number
- Parameter: `type` - A string for the type
- Parameter: `desc` - A string for description of what it means

`addSample` Add a SAMPLE in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `str` - A string for a SAMPLE name

`addLine` Add a line in the header of the vcf

- Parameter: `str` - A string for a line in the header of VCF

`writeline` Write a variant record given a line

- Parameter: `line` - A string for a line in the variant of VCF. Not ended with "newline"

`close` Close and save the vcf file

**Examples**

```
outvcf <- file.path(paste0(tempfile(), ".vcf.gz"))
bw <- vcfwriter$new(outvcf, "VCF4.1")
bw$addContig("chr20")
bw$addFORMAT("GT", "1", "String", "Genotype");
bw$addSample("NA12878")
s1 <- "chr20\t2006060\t.\tG\tC\t100\tPASS\t.\tGT\t1|0"
bw$writeline(s1)
bw$close()
```

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