

# Package ‘snpStatsWriter’

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**Description** Write snpStats objects to disk in formats suitable for reading by snphap, phase, mach, IMPUTE, beagle, and (almost) anything else that expects a rectangular format.

**Depends** snpStats, colorspace

**License** GPL

**LazyLoad** yes

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snpStatsWriter-package

*snpStatsWriter*

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**Description**

Write snpMatrix objects to file in other formats.

**Details**

Package:	snpStatsWriter
Type:	Package
Version:	1.0
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License:	GPL
LazyLoad:	yes

**Author(s)**

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**References**

David Clayton and Hin-Tak Leung (2007). An R package for analysis of whole-genome association studies. *Hum Hered* 64:45-51.

**See Also**

[snpStats](#)

**Examples**

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
f <- tempfile()
## write in suitable format for snphap
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.simple(A.small, a1=rep("1",nsnps), a2=rep("2",nsnps), gsep=" ",
            nullallele='0', file=f,
            write.sampleid=FALSE)
unlink(f)
```

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write.beagle	<i>Write a snpStats object in beagle format</i>
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**Description**

see [write.simple](#) for general information

**Usage**

```
write.beagle(X, a1, a2, bp, trait = NULL, gfile, mfile)
```

**Arguments**

trait	disease trait (0=missing, 1=control, 2=case)
gfile,mfile	gfile=genotype file, pedfile=pedigree file
X	SnpMatrix object
a1	vector of first allele at each SNP
a2	vector of second allele at each SNP
bp	vector of base pair positions for each SNP

**Value**

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output files.

**Author(s)**

Chris Wallace

**Examples**

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
gf <- tempfile()
mf <- tempfile()

## write in suitable format for beagle
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.beagle(A.small, a1=rep("1",nsnps), a2=rep("2",nsnps), bp=1:nsnps, gfile=gf, mfile=mf)
unlink(gf)
unlink(mf)
```

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write.impute                      *Write a snpStats object in IMPUTE format*

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### Description

see [write.simple](#) for general information

### Usage

```
write.impute(X, a1, a2, bp, pedfile, snp.id = NULL)
```

### Arguments

pedfile	Output file name.
snp.id	vector of snp ids
X	SnpMatrix object
a1	vector of first allele at each SNP
a2	vector of second allele at each SNP
bp	vector of base pair positions for each SNP

### Value

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output files.

### Author(s)

Chris Wallace

### Examples

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
pf <- tempfile()

## write in suitable format for IMPUTE
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.impute(A.small, a1=rep("1",nsnps), a2=rep("2",nsnps), bp=1:nsnps, pedfile=pf)
unlink(pf)
```

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write.mach	<i>Write a snpStats object in mach format</i>
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### Description

see [write.simple](#) for general information

### Usage

```
write.mach(X, a1, a2, pedigree, mfile,  
           pedigree = rownames(X), member = rep(1, nrow(X)),  
           father = rep(0, nrow(X)), mother = rep(0, nrow(X)),  
           sex = rep("M", nrow(X)), snp.names = colnames(X))
```

### Arguments

pedigree	Output pedigree file name.
mfile	Output marker file name.
pedigree	Optional pedigree/member/father/mother/sex identifier vectors, same order as rows in snpStats object. If missing, pedigree is set to rownames(X) and the others default to unrelated males
member	See pedigree
father	See pedigree
mother	See pedigree
sex	See pedigree
snp.names	optional SNP names to include in the marker map file. Defaults to colnames(X).
X	SnpMatrix object
a1	vector of first allele at each SNP
a2	vector of second allele at each SNP

### Value

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output files.

### Author(s)

Chris Wallace

## Examples

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
pf <- tempfile()
mf <- tempfile()

## write in suitable format for MACH
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.mach(A.small, a1=rep("1",nsnps), a2=rep("2",nsnps), pedfile=pf, mfile=mf)
unlink(pf)
unlink(mf)
```

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write.phase

*Write a snpStats object in PHASE/FastPHASE format*

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## Description

see [write.simple](#) for general information

## Usage

```
write.phase(X, a1 = rep(1, ncol(X)),
           a2 = rep(2, ncol(X)), bp = NULL, file)
```

## Arguments

file	Output file name.
X	SnpMatrix object
a1	vector of first allele at each SNP
a2	vector of second allele at each SNP
bp	vector of base pair positions for each SNP

## Value

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output files.

## Author(s)

Chris Wallace

## Examples

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
f <- tempfile()

## write in suitable format for PHASE
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.phase(A.small, file=f)
unlink(f)
```

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write.sbams

*write.sbams*

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## Description

write an sbams format file

## Usage

```
write.sbams(X, response, file)
```

## Arguments

response	vector or matrix of response variables. rows index subjects, columns index variables
X	SnpMatrix object
file	Output file name.

## Details

sbams is software from Xiaoquan Wen at <https://github.com/xqwen/sbams>

## Value

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output file.

## Author(s)

Chris Wallace

## Examples

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
R <- matrix(rnorm(12),ncol=2)
colnames(R) <- c("var1","var2")
f <- tempfile()
```

```
## write in suitable format for sbams
write.sbams(X=A.small, response=R, file=f)
unlink(f)
```

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write.simple

*Fast and flexible writing of snpStats objects to flat files*


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## Description

Different genetics phasing and analysis programs (beagle, mach, impute, snptest, phase/fastPhase, snphap, etc) have different requirements for input files. These functions aim to make creating these files from a SnpMatrix object straightforward.

## Usage

```
write.simple(X, a1, a2, file, fsep = "\t", gsep = "",
  nullallele = "N", write.header = TRUE,
  transpose = FALSE, write.sampleid = TRUE, bp = NULL,
  num.coding = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

X	SnpMatrix object
a1	vector of first allele at each SNP
a2	vector of second allele at each SNP
bp	vector of base pair positions for each SNP
fsep, gsep	Field and genotype separators.
nullallele	Character to use for missing alleles
file	Output file name.
write.header	Write a header line
transpose	Output SNPs as rows, samples as columns if TRUE. The default is samples as rows, SNPs as columns, as represented internally by snpStats/SnpMatrix.
write.sampleid	Output sample ids
num.coding	Use alleles 1 and 2 instead of supplying allele vectors.

## Details

It's written in C, so should be reasonably fast even for large datasets.

write.simple is the most flexible function. It should be able to write most rectangular based formats.

Additional functions are available tailored to software that require a bit more than a rectangular format: [write.beagle](#), [write.impute](#), [write.mach](#), [write.phase](#).



**Value**

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output files.

**Warning**

Any uncertain genotypes (stored by `snpStats` as raw codes 4 to 253) are output as missing.

The functions use `"\n"` as an end of line character, unless `.Platform$OS.type == "windows"`, when `eol` is `"\r\n"`. I only have access to linux machines for testing.

I have tested these functions with my own data, but it is always possible that your data may contain quirks mine don't, or that input formats could change for any program mentioned here. Please do have a quick check on a small subset of data (eg, as in the example below), that the output for your exact combination of options looks sensible and matches the specified input format.

**Note**

This has been tested with `SnpMatrix` objects from the package `snpStats` but should also work with `snp.matrix` objects from the package `snpMatrix`.

**Author(s)**

Chris Wallace

**References**

David Clayton (2012). `snpStats`: `SnpMatrix` and `XSnpMatrix` classes and methods. R package version 1.6.0. <http://www-gene.cimr.cam.ac.uk/clayton>

phase/fastPhase: <http://stephenslab.uchicago.edu/software.html>

beagle: <http://faculty.washington.edu/browning/beagle/beagle.html>

IMPUTE: [http://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/impute/impute\\_v2.html](http://mathgen.stats.ox.ac.uk/impute/impute_v2.html)

MACH: <http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/MACH>

snphap: <https://www-gene.cimr.cam.ac.uk/staff/clayton/software/snphap.txt>

**Examples**

```
data(testdata,package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6,1:10]
f <- tempfile()
## write in suitable format for snphap
nsnps <- ncol(A.small)
write.simple(A.small, a1=rep("1",nsnps), a2=rep("2",nsnps), gsep=" ",
            nullallele='0', file=f,
            write.sampleid=FALSE)
unlink(f)
```

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`write.snphap`*Write SNP HAP files*

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**Description**

Simple wrapper to `write.simple` to write files in SNP HAP format

**Usage**

```
write.snphap(X, a1 = NULL, a2 = NULL, file)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	SnpMatrix object
<code>a1</code>	vector of first allele at each SNP
<code>a2</code>	vector of second allele at each SNP
<code>file</code>	Output file name.

**Details**

If not allele codes are given, `a1` and `a2` will be set to 1 and 2 for all SNPs

**Value**

No return value, but has the side effect of writing specified output file.

**Author(s)**

Chris Wallace

**Examples**

```
data(testdata, package="snpStats")
A.small <- Autosomes[1:6, 1:10]
f <- tempfile()
## write in suitable format for snphap
write.snphap(A.small, file=f)
unlink(f)
```

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