FASTA

Definition: In bioinformatics, FASTA format is a text-based format for representing either nucleotide sequences or peptide sequences, in which nucleotides or amino acids are represented using single-letter codes.

Example:

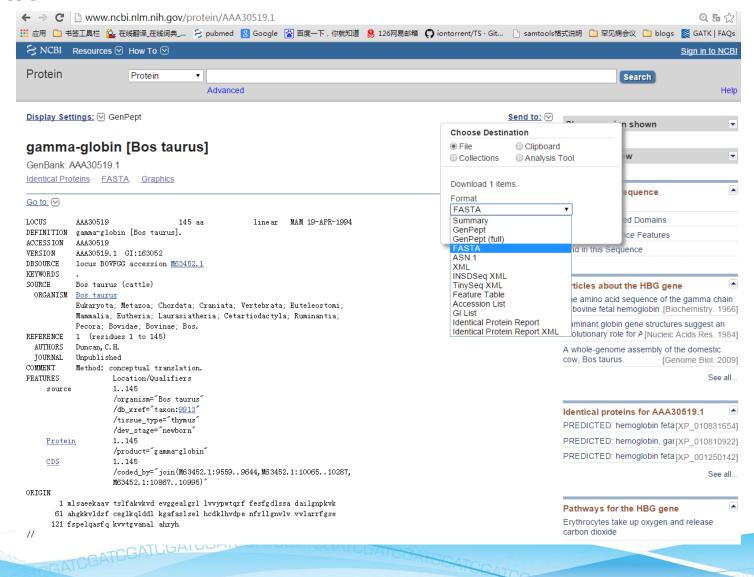
>gi|163052|gb|AAA30519.1| gamma-globin [Bos taurus]
MLSAEEKAAVTSLFAKVKVDEVGGEALGRLLVVYPWTQRFFESFGDLSSADAILGNPKVKAHGKKVLDSF
CEGLKQLDDLKGAFASLSELHCDKLHVDPENFRLLGNVLVVVLARRFGSEFSPELQASFQKVVTGVANAL
AHRYH

Feature: Begins with a single-line description whose first column is a greater-than (">") symbol, followed by lines of sequence data.

Extension	Meaning	Notes				
fasta (.fas)	generic fasta	Any generic fasta file.				
ffn	FASTA nucleotide coding regions	Contains coding regions for a genome.				
fna	fasta nucleic acid	Used to generically specify nucleic acids.				
frn	FASTA non-coding RNA	Contains non-coding RNA regions for a genome, in DNA alphabet e.g. tRNA, rRNA				
faa	fasta amino acid	Contains amino acids. A multiple protein fasta file can have the more specific extension mpfa.				



FASTA





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Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA_format

Excise: 请下载人的gamma-globin核酸序列。

Definition: FASTQ format is a text-based format for storing both a biological sequence (usually nucleotide sequence) and its corresponding quality scores. Both the sequence letter and quality score are encoded with a single ASCII character for brevity.

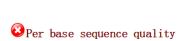
Example:

Feature:

- Line 1 begins with a '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier and an optional description.
- Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
- Line 3 begins with a '+' character and is optionally followed by the same sequence identifier.
- Line 4 encodes the quality values for the sequence in Line 2, and must contain the same number of symbols as letters in the sequence.
 - Phred quality scores were originally developed by the program Phred to help in the automation of DNA sequencing in the Human Genome Project.
 - Phred quality scores are assigned to each nucleotide base call in automated sequencer traces.
 - If a quality score of 30 is assigned to a base, the chances that this base is called incorrectly are 1 in 1000.
 - The most commonly used method is to count the bases with a quality score of 20 and above.

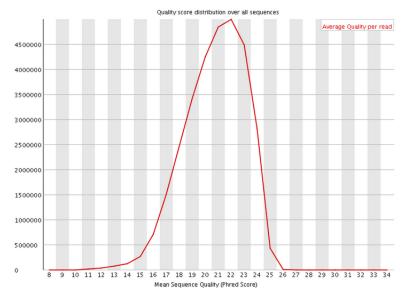
```
......
ILLIIILLIIILLIIILLIIILLIIILLIIILLIIILLIIILIII.
!"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_ abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz{|}^
33
                                 104
                                           126
-5....9.......40
               S - Sanger Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 40)
X = Solexa Solexa+64, raw reads typically (-5, 40)
I - Illumina 1.3+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (0, 40)
J - Illumina 1.5+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (3, 40)
 with 0=unused, 1=unused, 2=Read Segment Quality Control Indicator (bold)
  (Note: See discussion above).
L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 41)
```







Per sequence quality scores



SGATCGATCGATCGATCGATCG

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Genome Analysis

Trimmomatic: A flexible trimmer for Illumina Sequence Data

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java -classpath <path to trimmomatic jar> org.usadellab.trimmomatic.TrimmomaticSE [-threads <threads>] [-phred33 | -phred64] [-trimlog <logFile>] <input> <output> <step 1> ...

-phred33 or -phred64 specifies the base quality encoding. If no quality encoding is specified, it will be determined automatically (since version 0.32). The prior default was -phred64.

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Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTA_format

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phred_quality_score

Excise: 请举例说明什么步骤可能会用到碱基的quality score。



SAM / BAM

Definition: SAM stands for Sequence Alignment/Map format. It is a TAB-delimited text format consisting of a header section, which is optional, and an alignment section. If present, the header must be prior to the alignments. Header lines start with `@', while alignment lines do not. Each alignment line has 11 mandatory fields for essential alignment information such as mapping position, and variable number of optional fields for flexible or aligner specific information.



SAM / BAM

Example: (alignment section)

```
Coor
         12345678901234 5678901234567890123456789012345
ref
         AGCATGTTAGATAA**GATAGCTGTGCTAGTAGGCAGTCAGCGCCAT
+r001/1
               TTAGATAAAGGATA*CTG
+r002
              aaaAGATAA*GGATA
+r003
            gcctaAGCTAA
                         ATAGCT.....TCAGC
+r004
-r003
                                ttagctTAGGC
-r001/2
                                              CAGCGGCAT
```

The corresponding SAM format is:

```
optional fields
    QHD VN:1.5 SO:coordinate
                                           header
    @SQ SN:ref LN:45
    r001 163 ref 7 30 8M2I4M1D3M
                                       39 TTAGATAAAGGATACTG *
                                        O AAAAGATAAGGATA
    r002
           0 ref 9 30 3S6M1P1I4M *
                                                             SA:Z:ref,29,-,6H5M,17,0;
    r003
           0 ref 9 30 5S6M
                                    0
                                        O GCCTAAGCTAA
    r004
           0 ref 16 30 6M14N5M
                                        O ATAGCTTCAGC
    r003 2064 ref 29 17 6H5M
                                                           * SA:Z:ref,9,+,5S6M,30,1;
                                        O TAGGC
          83 ref 37 30 9M
                                 = 7 -39 CAGCGGCAT
                                                           * | NM:i:1
    r001
                11 mandatory fields
GATEGATEGATEGATUGAT
```

alignment section



Feature: (header)

```
@HD
        VN:1.0 SO:coordinate
@SQ
        SN:chr1 LN:249250621
@SQ
        SN:chr2 LN:243199373
@SQ
        SN:chr3 LN:198022430
@SQ
        SN:chr20
                        LN:63025520
@SQ
        SN:chr21
                        LN:48129895
                        LN:51304566
@SQ
        SN:chr22
050
        SN:chrX LN:155270560
050
        SN:chrY LN:59373566
@SO
        SN:chrM LN:16569
                                         LB:bar SM:Amplicon
@RG
        ID: 0
                                 PU:0
                PL:ILLUMINA
        ID:bwa PN:bwa VN:0.7.10-r789 CL:/ifs2/BC MD/DEV/WorkF
@PG
low/Sofware/bwa-0.7.10/bwa sampe -n 1 hq19.fa output1P.fq.qz.sai
output2P.fq.gz.sai output1P.fq.gz output2P.fq.gz
```

```
@HD: The first line if present.
"VN" - Format version: *
"SO" – Sorting order of alignment;
@SQ: Reference sequence dictionary.
"SN" - Reference sequence name; *
"LN" - Reference sequence length; *
@RG: Read group.
"ID" - Read group identifier; *
"PL" – Platform used to produce the
reads; exclusive to several values;
"LB" - library; important for de-dup;
"SM" - Sample;
@PG – Program;
"ID" - Program record identifier; *
"PN" - Program name;
"CL" - Command line:
```

Tags with "*" are required when the record type is present.

Feature: (Alignment section)

```
60W0:1:1101:28181:16441#GTCTGCCT
113
          FLAG
          RNAME
chr1
          POS
436459
          MAPQ
          CIGAR
150M
         RNEXT
chr8
46543
         PNEXT
TTGTCCAGGCTGCTCTCAAAATCCTGGCCTAAAGTGATCCTCCTGCCTCAGCCTCCTAAG
X? reserved fields for end users
NM: Edit distance to the reference, including ambiguous bases but excluding clipping
XT:A:R
NM:i:1
          SM: Template-independent mapping quality
SM:i:0
          AM: The smallest template-independent mapping quality of segments in the rest
AM:i:0
X0:i:4
X1:i:1
XM:i:1
XO:i:0
XG: i:0
MD: Z:147G2 MD: String for mismatching positions. It aims to achieve SNP/indel calling without looking at the reference
XA: Z:chr8, +46464, 150M, 1; chr5, -180863013, 150M, 1; chr1, +547999, 150M, 1; chr6, -171020695, 150M, 2;
```



Feature: (Alignment section, mandatory fields)

QNAME: Query template NAME; Reads/segments having identical QNAME are regarded to come from the same template. Template is a DNA/RNA sequence part of which is sequenced on a sequencing machine or assembled from raw sequences.

113 Flag: 113 Explain chr1 Flag: Bitwise FLAG. Each bit has different meaning. Explanation: 436459 read paired **RNAME:** Reference sequence NAME of the alignment. read mapped in proper pair An unmapped segment without coordinate has a '*' at this field. read unmapped mate unmapped read reverse strand POS: 1-based leftmost mapping POSition of the first matching base. (1-based VS. 0-based) mate reverse strand first in pair second in pair MAPQ: MAPing Quality. Mapping quality scores are computed differently by each aligner. not primary alignment read fails platform/vendor quality checks 150M read is PCR or optical duplicate **CIGAR:** CIGAR string. chr8 read paired 46543 read mapped in proper pair **RNEXT:** Reference sequence name of the primary alignment of the NEXT read in the template. read unmapped mate unmapped read reverse strand **PNEXT:** Position of the primary alignment of the NEXT read in the template.

TLEN: Signed observed Template LENth. If all segments are mapped to the same reference, the unsigned observed template length equals the number of bases from the leftmost mapped base to the rightmost mapped base. The leftmost segment has a plus sign and the rightmost has a minus sign. The sign of segments in the middle is undefined. It is set as 0 for single-segment template or when the information is unavailable. Segment is a contiguous sequence or subsequence.

SEQ: segment SEQuence.

QUAL: ASCII of base QUALity plus 33 (same as the quality string in the Sanger FASTQ format).



Feature: (Alignment section, mandatory fields)

CIGAR: CIGAR string. The CIGAR operations are given in the following table (set '*' if unavailable):

Op	BAM	Description
M	0	alignment match (can be a sequence match or mismatch)
I	1	insertion to the reference
D	2	deletion from the reference
N	3	skipped region from the reference
S	4	soft clipping (clipped sequences present in SEQ)
H	5	hard clipping (clipped sequences NOT present in SEQ)
P	6	padding (silent deletion from padded reference)
=	7	sequence match
X	8	sequence mismatch

- H can only be present as the first and/or last operation.
- S may only have H operations between them and the ends of the CIGAR string.
- For mRNA-to-genome alignment, an N operation represents an intron. For other types of alignments, the interpretation of N is not defined.
- Sum of lengths of the M/I/S/=/X operations shall equal the length of SEQ.



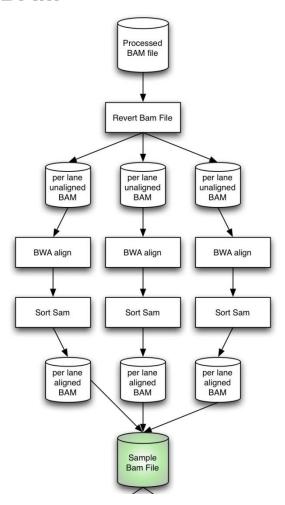
Feature: (Alignment section, optional fields)

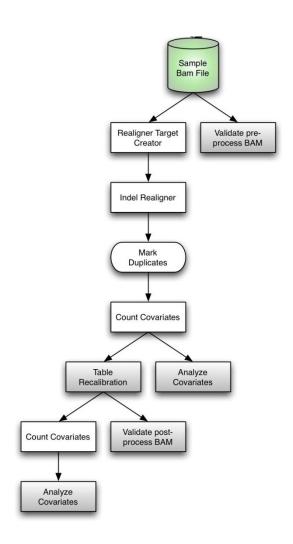
NM: Edit distance to the reference, including ambiguous bases but excluding clipping;

MD: The MD field aims to achieve SNP/indel calling without looking at the reference. For example, a string `10A5^AC6' means from the leftmost reference base in the alignment, there are 10 matches followed by an A on the reference which is different from the aligned read base; the next 5 reference bases are matches followed by a 2bp deletion from the reference; the deleted sequence is AC; the last 6 bases are matches. The MD field ought to match the CIGAR string.

Samtools: (Tools for alignments in the SAM format)

```
Command: view
                     SAM<->BAM conversion ***
                     sort alignment file ***
         sort
                     multi-way pileup *
        mpileup
        depth
                     compute the depth
        faidx
                     index/extract FASTA *
                     text alignment viewer *
        tview
                     index alignment ***
        index
                     BAM index stats (r595 or later)
        idxstats
        fixmate
                     fix mate information
        flagstat
                     simple stats
        calmd
                     recalculate MD/NM tags and '=' bases
                     merge sorted alignments **
        merge
                     remove PCR duplicates *
        rmdup
        reheader
                     replace BAM header
                     concatenate BAMs
        cat
        targetcut
                     cut fosmid regions (for fosmid pool only)
        phase
                     phase heterozygotes
```







Reference:

http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf

https://www.broadinstitute.org/gatk/guide/tagged?tag=workflow

Li Heng, et al. The Sequence Alignment/Map format and SAMtools, Bioinformatics. Aug 15, 2009; 25(16): 2078–2079.

Excise:

- How to convert SAM to BAM or the reverse?
- How can you get FASTQ data into BAM format and the reserve?
- How to sort an unorder BAM into a sorted BAM?
- What is the canonical ordering of human reference contigs in a BAM file?
- How can you tell if a BAM file has read group and sample information?
- How can you know if your BAM file is valid for the downstream analysis?
- How to extract the unmapped reads with awk?



Definition: VCF is a text file format (most likely stored in a compressed manner). It contains meta-information lines, a header line, and then data lines each containing information about a position in the genome. The format also has the ability to contain genotype information on samples for each position. BCF is a binary, compressed equivalent of VCF that can be indexed with tabix and can be efficiently decoded from disk or streams.

Example:

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.1
##fileDate=20090805
##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##reference=file:///seq/references/1000GenomesPilot-NCBI36.fasta
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
##phasing=partial
##INFO=<ID=NS, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Total Depth">
##INFO=<ID=AF, Number=A, Type=Float, Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=DB, Number=0, Type=Flag, Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2, Number=0, Type=Flag, Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FILTER=<ID=q10, Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ, Number=2, Type=Integer, Description="Haplotype Quality">
#CHROM POS
                                         QUAL FILTER INFO
                                                                                         FORMAT
                                                                                                                     NA00002
                                                                                                                                    NA00003
                                                                                                     NA00001
               rs6054257 G
20
       14370
                                              PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2
                                                                                         GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:48:1:51.51 1|0:48:8:51.51 1/1:43:5:...
20
       17330
                                              q10
                                                     NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017
                                                                                         GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:49:3:58,50 0|1:3:5:65,3
                                                                                                                                    0/0:41:3
       1110696 rs6040355 A
                                 G.T
20
                                              PASS
                                                     NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2
                                                                                                                                    2/2:35:4
20
       1230237 .
                                              PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=13;AA=T
                                                                                         GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2
       1234567 microsat1 GTC
                                 G,GTCT 50
                                              PASS
                                                     NS=3;DP=9;AA=G
                                                                                         GT:GQ:DP
                                                                                                     0/1:35:4
                                                                                                                     0/2:17:2
                                                                                                                                    1/1:40:3
```



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##phasing=partial
##INFO=<ID=NS, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Total Depth">
                                                                                                                             Meta-information
##INFO=<ID=AF, Number=A, Type=Float, Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Ancestral Allele">
                                                                                                                              lines
##INFO=<ID=DB, Number=0, Type=Flag, Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2, Number=0, Type=Flag, Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FILTER=<ID=q10,Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">
                                                                                      Header line
##FORMAT=<ID=GT, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HO_Number=2_Type=Integer_Description="Haplotype_Quality">
                                                                                                                                    NA00003
#CHROM POS
                                                                                        FORMAT
                                                                                                     NA00001
                                                                                                                    NA00002
                                         QUAL FILTER INFO
```

14370 rs6054257 G PASS NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:48:1:51,51 1|0:48:8:51,51 1/1:43:5:.,. 20 17330 **q10** NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:49:3:58,50 0|1:3:5:65,3 0/0:41:3 20 1110696 rs6040355 A G.T 67 PASS NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2 2/2:35:4 20 1230237 . PASS NS=3;DP=13;AA=T GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2 1234567 microsat1 GTC G.GTCT PASS NS=3;DP=9;AA=G GT:GQ:DP 0/1:35:4 0/2:17:2 1/1:40:3 GATCGATCGATCGATCGA



Feature: Meta-information lines

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.1
 version
FILTERs applied
             ##FILTER=<ID=LowQual,Description="Low quality">
             ##FILTER=<ID=VQSRTrancheSNP99.00to99.90,Description="Truth sensitivity tranche level for SNP mod
to the data
             ##roxmar=<iu=au, number=., rype=integer, bescription="allelic depths for the ref and alt alleles in
             ##FORMAT=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Approximate read depth (reads with MQ=255 or
genotype-leve ##FORMAT=<ID=GQ, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Genotype Quality">
             ##FORMAT=<ID=GT, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Genotype">
             ##FORMAT=<ID=PL, Number=G, Type=Integer, Description="Normalized, Phred-scaled likelihoods for geno
             ##INFO=<ID=AC, Number=A, Type=Integer, Description="Allele count in genotypes, for each ALT allele,
             ##INFO=<ID=AF, Number=A, Type=Float, Description="Allele Frequency, for each ALT allele, in the sam
             ##INFO=<ID=AN, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Total number of alleles in called genotypes">
             ##INFO=<ID=BaseQRankSum, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Z-score from Wilcoxon rank sum test of
             ##INFO=<ID=DB, Number=0, Type=Flaq, Description="dbSNP Membership">
             ##INFO=<ID=DP, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Approximate read depth; some reads may have bee
             ##INFO=<ID=DS, Number=0, Type=Flag, Description="Were any of the samples downsampled?">
position-level
             ##INFO=<ID=Dels, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Fraction of Reads Containing Spanning Deletions
             ##INFO=<ID=FS, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Phred-scaled p-value using Fisher's exact test to
             ##INFO=<ID=HaplotypeScore, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Consistency of the site with at most
             ##INFO=<ID=MQ, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="RMS Mapping Quality">
             ##INFO=<ID=MQ0, Number=1, Type=Integer, Description="Total Mapping Quality Zero Reads">
             ##INFO=<ID=MQRankSum, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Z-score From Wilcoxon rank sum test of Alt
             ##INFO=<ID=QD, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Variant Confidence/Quality by Depth">
             ##INFO=<ID=ReadPosRankSum, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Z-score from Wilcoxon rank sum test of
             ##INFO=<ID=VOSLOD, Number=1, Type=Float, Description="Log odds ratio of being a true variant versus
             ##UnifiedGenotyper="analysis type=UnifiedGenotyper input file=[chr1.sort.fix.brecal.bam] read bu
 programs
             ##ApplyRecalibration="analysis type=ApplyRecalibration input file=[] read buffer size=null phone
             ##----tig-(ID-chil,length-240250621,assembly-hg10)
             ##contig=<ID=chr2,length=243199373,assembly=hg19>
             ##contig=<ID=chr22,length=51304566,assembly=hg19>
 contigs
             ##contig=<ID=chrX,length=155270560,assembly=hg19>
             ##contig=<ID=chrY,length=59373566,assembly=hg19>
             ##contig=<ID=chrM,length=16569,assembly=hg19>
 Reference
             ##reference=file:///ifs1/ST RNA/USER/livagiao/ZPY/rna/ref/Homo genome/hg19 chunsheng/hg19.fasta
```

Feature: Header line

The header line names the 8 fixed, mandatory columns. These columns are as follows:

- 1. #CHROM
- 2. POS
- 3. ID
- 4. REF
- 5. ALT
- 6. QUAL
- 7. FILTER
- 8. INFO

If genotype data is present in the file, these are followed by a FORMAT column header, then an arbitrary number of sample IDs. The header line is tab-delimited.

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	G056C336NP	
8 mandatory fields								genotype-level		



Feature: Data lines

```
#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT G056C336NP

8 mandatory fields genotype-level
```

```
CHROM chr1 Chromosome, an identifier from the reference genome or ID String ("<ID>") pointing to a contig in the assembly file.

POS 1141608 The reference position, with the 1st base having position 1

ID . If this is a dbSNP variant it is encouraged to use the rs number(s).

REF G Reference base(s)

ALT A Alternate base(s)

QUAL 12.05 Phred-scaled quality score for the assertion made in ALT

FILTER LowQual Filter status, PASS if this position has passed all filters

INFO AC=1;AF=0.500;AN=2;BaseQRankSum=-7.360e-01;ClippingRankSum=-7.360e-01;DP=3;FS=0

.000;GQ_MEAN=29. 00;MLEAC=1;MLEAF=0.500;MQ=60.00;MQ0=0;MQRankSum=-7.360e-01;NCC

=0;QD=4.02; ReadPosRankSum=0.736 Encoded as a semicolon-separated series of short keys with optional values

FORMAT GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL

G056C336NP 0/1:1,2:3:29:40,0,29
```



Feature: Genotype representation

```
chr1 873762 . T G [CLIPPED] GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL 0/1:173,141:282:99:255,0,255
chr1 877664 rs3828047 A G [CLIPPED] GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL 1/1:0,105:94:99:255,255,0
chr1 899282 rs28548431 C T [CLIPPED] GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL 0/1:1,3:4:25.92:103,0,26
```

GT: The genotype of this sample. For a diploid organism, the GT field indicates the two alleles carried by the sample, encoded by a 0 for the REF allele, 1 for the first ALT allele, 2 for the second ALT allele, etc. When there's a single ALT allele (by far the more common case), GT will be either:

- 0/0 the sample is homozygous reference
- 0/1 the sample is heterozygous, carrying 1 copy of each of the REF and ALT alleles
- 1/1 the sample is homozygous alternate In the three examples above, NA12878 is observed with the allele combinations T/G, G/G, and C/T respectively.

GQ: The Genotype Quality, or Phred-scaled confidence that the true genotype is the one provided in GT. The GQ is simply the second most likely PL - the most likely PL. Because the most likely PL is always 0, GQ = second highest PL - 0. If the second most likely PL is greater than 99, we still assign a GQ of 99, so the highest value of GQ is 99.

AD and DP: AD is also known as allele depth. It gives the unfiltered count of reads that support a given allele for an individual sample. The values in the field are ordered to match the order of alleles specified in the REF and ALT fields: REF, ALT1, ALT2 and so on if there are multiple ALT alleles. At the sample level (FORMAT), the DP value is the count of reads that passed the caller's internal quality control metrics. At the site level (INFO), the DP value is the unfiltered depth over all samples.

PL: This field provides the likelihoods of the given genotypes (here, 0/0, 0/1, and 1/1). These are normalized, Phred-scaled likelihoods for each of the 0/0, 0/1, and 1/1, without priors. The most likely genotype (given in the GT field) is scaled so that it's P = 1.0 (0 when Phred-scaled), and the other likelihoods reflect their Phred-scaled likelihoods relative to this most likely genotype.



Reference:

http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/VCFv4.1.pdf

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Excise:

• Please calculate Ti/Tv for a paritcular VCF file