HaploGI – Haplotyping Given Inheritance

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Introduction

HaploGI (Haplotyping Given Inheritance) is a C++ program for pedigree-based haplotyping of whole genome sequencing (WGS) data. It also identifies haplotype sharing among subjects in extended pedigrees.

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Software URL

Repository: https://github.com/RafPrograms/HaploGI

Files available for download:

- `HaploGI.cpp` (source code)
- `manual_HaploGI_v1.0.25.pdf` (PDF) (user manual)
- `parameter_file_template.txt` (parameter file template)
- `HaploGI_utility_scripts` (Python utility scripts)
- `HaploGI_test_data.zip` (example dataset)

Compile using:

```
g++ HaploGI.cpp -o HaploGI
```

Getting Started

Launch HaploGI using the following syntax:

```
./HaploGI -- [options] [parameter_file_path]
```

Run Options

Option	Description
`--haplotyping`	Pedigree-based haplotyping + core set of cases identification
`--haplosharing`	Evaluate haplotype sharing in predefined cases
`--full`	Combines both haplotyping and haplosharing

General Options

Option	Description
`--help`	Display help
`--version`	Show current version

Parameter File

See: `parameter_file_template.txt`

Required for all run types:

Entry	Description
1#	Pedigree file path
2#	SNV genomic positions file path
3#	SNV genotypes file path
4#	Linkage region boundaries (cM)
5#	Max LOD marker position (cM)
6#	Output directory

Required for `--haplotyping` and `--full`:

Entry	Description
7#	Linkage markers genomic positions file
8#	Meiosis indicators file
9#	Number of iterations in indicator file

Required for `--haplosharing`:

Entry	Description
10#	Haplotype sequences file
11#	Core set of cases file

Optional:

Entry	Description
12#	Seed number (default: 1234)

Input File Formats

All files must be **space-delimited**.

Required per Run Option

File	Required for
Pedigree file	All
SNV genomic positions	All
SNV genotypes	All
Linkage markers positions	`haplotyping`, `full`
Meiosis indicators	`haplotyping`, `full`
Haplotype sequences	`haplosharing`
Core cases	`haplosharing`

Example Input Files

* Pedigree File Format:

```
subject father mother sex phenotype
********
101 0 0 1 0
102 0 0 2 0
201 101 102 1 0
202 101 102 2 0
2010 0 0 2 0
301 201 2010 1 0
302 201 2010 2 2
```

The pedigree file contains **five space-delimited columns** with the following information:

1. **Subject ID**
2. **Father ID**
3. **Mother ID**
4. **Sex**
   - `1` = Male
   - `2` = Female
   - `0` = Unsexed / unknown
5. **Phenotype**
   - `1` = Control
   - `2` = Case
   - `0` = No phenotype data

File Format Notes

- **Header lines (above the main data) are ignored** by the program if they appear **before a line starting with** `*`.
- You may include column headers before this marker.
- **IDs must not contain special characters** such as `#`, `*`, or `@`.

  Note: The `********` line acts as a marker—any content above this line is ignored during processing.

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* SNV Genomic Positions File Format:

```
1052701 3.767099
1052874 3.767696
1053095 3.768460
1053154 3.768664
```

This file contains genomic position data for each single nucleotide variant (SNV), with one SNV per line.

File Format

- **No header row**
- Each line contains **two space-delimited columns**:
  1. **Base pair (bp) position** – The physical location of the SNV on the chromosome
  2. **Genetic position in centimorgans (cM)** – The corresponding genetic map position

Note: Ensure the order of positions in this file matches the order of SNVs used in related genotype and haplotype files.

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* SNV Genotype File Format:

```
variant_position 302 302 303 303 306 306 307 307 402 402 403 403 404 404 406 406 407 407 408 408 410 41
16:10414 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
16:10638 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 2
```

The SNV genotype file contains variant genotype data for subjects with whole genome sequencing (WGS) data. Genotypes are encoded as:

- `0` = Missing
- `1` = Reference allele (REF)
- `2` = Alternative allele (ALT)

File Structure

- **First column**:
  Contains the SNV's genomic position in the format `chromosome:position` (e.g., `16:10414`).
- **Remaining columns**:
  Each subject is represented by **two consecutive columns**, one for each of their diploid genotype alleles.
- **Header row**:
  Lists subject IDs. Each subject ID appears **twice**, corresponding to their two genotype alleles.

  Note: Ensure that subject IDs are consistent across files and that each subject has exactly two columns representing diploid genotype data.

Tool: Use prepare_genotype_file.py to generate an SNV genotype file from a VCF file for use in HaploGI runs.

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* Linkage Markers Genomic Positions File Format:

```
0.219846
1.134855
1.793034
```

This file contains the genetic positions (in centimorgans, cM) of linkage markers used to compute inheritance vectors with the **Morgan package**.

File Format

- **No header row**
- Each line contains a **single centimorgan (cM) position** for one linkage marker
- Markers are listed in the order expected by downstream analysis tools

  Note: Ensure that the number and order of cM positions match the corresponding linkage marker set used in the analysis pipeline.

*** Meiosis Indicators File Format:** The **meiosis indicators file** is generated by the `gl_auto` program from the Morgan package.
It follows the same format as described in the official Morgan package manual.

> **Note**: This file encodes inheritance information and is used in downstream linkage and haplotype analyses.

Tool: Use dicrease_number_of_MI_iterations.py to generate a meiosis indicators file with a reduced number of iterations (recommended: 1000) to ease the computational burden on HaploGI.

*** Haplotype Sequences File Format:**

```
16:10414-23730 302_0 11111111112111111211
16:10414-23730 302_1 11112111222111111112
16:10414-23730 303_0 11111111222111111112
16:10414-23730 303_1 11111111222111111112
16:10414-23730 306_0 11112111222111111112
16:10414-23730 306_1 11111112112112111121
```

The haplotype sequences file is generated by **HaploGI** using either the `--haplotyping` or `--full` run options.

This file contains **three columns with no header**:

1. **Genomic Range**
   A string representing the chromosome and variant range in the format:
   `chr:start-end`
   - `chr`: Chromosome number
   - `start` and `end`: Positions of the first and last genomic variants in the haplotype
2. **Subject ID and Chromosome**
   The subject identifier followed by an underscore and a digit:
   - `_0`: Maternal chromosome
   - `_1`: Paternal chromosome
3. **Haplotype Sequence**
   A string of digits representing the sequence of genomic variants for the given region.

   Note: This file does not include a header row. Be sure to account for that when parsing the file programmatically.

*** Core Set of Cases File Format:**

```
302 306 403 408 411 501 504 506 511 512 513 516
```

This file contains a list of **case subject IDs**, separated by spaces, all on a **single line**.

- **No header row**
- IDs must match those used in other input files (e.g., pedigree, genotype, haplotype files)

HaploGI uses this set of cases to **check for the existence of haplotype sharing** among them.

Output File Formats

File	Generated by
Log	All
Haplotype sequences	`haplotyping`, `full`
Core cases	`haplotyping`, `full`
Allele inconsistencies	`haplotyping`, `full`
Shared haplotypes	`haplosharing`, `full`
Haplotype sharing patterns	`haplosharing`, `full`

Example Output Files

✓ **Haplotype Sequences File – see Haplotype Sequences File Format** Tool: Use create_phased_vcf.py to convert phased whole-genome sequencing (WGS) data generated by HaploGI into VCF format, enabling easier downstream analysis.

✓ **Core Set of Cases – see Core Set of Cases File Format**

✓ **Inconsistencies of Allele to FGL Assignments File Format:**

```
bp_position
1445745
1455891
1458974
```

This file lists variants for which inconsistencies between alleles and Founder Genome Labels (FGL) were detected.

File Format

- The file **includes a header row**.
- Each subsequent line contains the **base pair position** of a variant with detected inconsistency.
- One base pair position per line.

Notes

- This file is intended for **exploratory purposes only**.
- It is **not required** for haplotyping or determining haplotype sharing.

✓ **Shared Haplotype Sequence File Format:**

```
16:1052701-1055604 22222212211222211212
16:1127696-1132994 11111222221112211212
16:1506499-1511322 11111121111111111111
16:1511338-1513919 11111111111111111111
16:1514349-1520077 11111111111111111111
```

This file contains haplotype sequences shared within genomic windows among cases listed in the core set of cases file.

File Format

- The file has **two columns** and **no header**.
- The **first column** specifies the genomic window location, formatted as: `chromosome_number:first_variant_bp-last_variant_bp` (e.g., `16:1052701-1055604`)
- The **second column** contains the haplotype sequence corresponding to that genomic window.

Tool: Use risk_haplotype_sequence_vcf.py to convert risk haplotype sequences generated by HaploGI into VCF format for convenient downstream analysis.

✓ Haplotype Sharing Patterns File Format:

```
Genomic_window 302 302 303 303 306 306 307 307 402 402 403 403 404 404 406 406 407 407 408 408 410 410 4
1 0 1 0 2 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 1 1 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

This file contains information about haplotype sharing across all genomic windows evaluated.

File Format

- The file **includes a header row**.
- The **first column** contains genomic window numbers.
- Each subject with WGS data is represented by **two consecutive columns**:
  - One for the maternal chromosome
  - One for the paternal chromosome
- Entries indicate the presence of a shared haplotype:
  - `1` = Shared haplotype present in a **case**
  - `2` = Shared haplotype present in a **control**
  - `0` = No shared haplotype present

Usage

You can use the provided Python utility script `plot_haplotype_sharing.py` to generate these plots.

Tool: Use plot_haplotype_sharing.py to visualize haplotype sharing data generated by HaploGI. This script helps identify the presence and boundaries of risk haplotypes. The resulting plots also provide a broader overview of haplotype sharing, supporting more informed decision-making during data analysis.

Tool: HaploGI Utility Scripts

A number of Python utility scripts are available to assist with preparing HaploGI input files, processing output data, and visualizing results, at: `HaploGI_utility_scripts`.

Other Python utiliy scripts that have not been introduced yet in this manual are:

Tool: risk_alleles_variants.py – Identifies and outputs variants whose alleles are uniquely present on the risk haplotype. The resulting file also includes associated metadata extracted from the input VCF file.

Tool: create_genomic_windows.py – Generates a genomic windows file from an SNV genomic positions file used in HaploGI runs. This facilitates easier cross-referencing of data to specific genomic regions.

Data Example

A full example with three run configurations is available in `data_example`.

Support

For questions, bug reports, or suggestions, please contact:
Email: nrafscience@gmail.com
Link: GitHub Issues

References

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Web Resources

- **HaploGI**: https://github.com/RafPrograms
- **Morgan Package**: Morgan site
- **1000 Genomes Project**: https://www.internationalgenome.org