# Package 'alabaster.vcf'

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Title Save and Load Variant Data to/from File
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Description Save variant calling SummarizedExperiment to file and load them back as VCF objects. This is a more portable alternative to serialization of such objects into RDS files. Each artifact is associated with metadata for further interpretation; downstream applications can enrich this metadata with context-specific properties.
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Read a VCF object from disk

# Description

Read a VCF object from its on-disk representation.

# Usage

```
readVCF(path, metadata, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

path String containing a path to a directory, usually generated by the saveObject

method for VCF object.s

metadata Named list of metadata for this object, see readObjectFile for details.

... Further arguments passed to internal altReadObject calls.

#### Value

A VCF object.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

saveObject, VCF-method, to save VCF objects to disk.

# **Examples**

```
fl <- system.file("extdata", "structural.vcf", package="VariantAnnotation")
vcf <- readVcf(fl)

tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(vcf, tmp)
readObject(tmp)</pre>
```

 ${\tt save Object, VCF-method} \quad \textit{Save a VCF object to disk}$ 

#### **Description**

Save a VCF object to its on-disk representation, namely a VCF file with the same contents.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'VCF'
saveObject(x, path, ...)
```

# Arguments

x Any instance of a VCF class or one of its subclasses.
 path String containing the path to a directory in which to save x.
 ... Further arguments to pass to specific methods.

#### Value

x is saved to file inside path, and NULL is returned.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

readVCF, to read a VCF object back to the R session.

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