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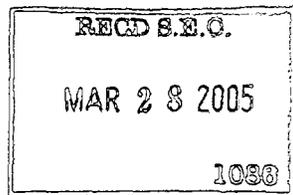
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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, BlackRock Health Sciences Trust, Common Shares of Beneficial Interest. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 28, 2005. Tentative listing date - March 29, 2005.

Sincerely,

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