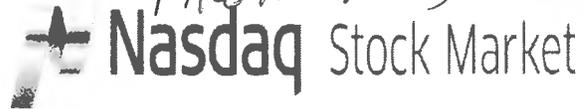




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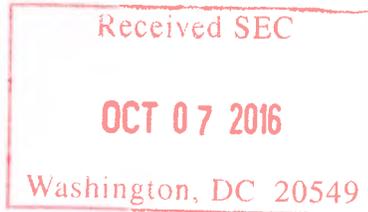


William Slattery, CFA  
Vice President  
Listing Qualifications

Electronic Mail Only

October 7, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549



Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on October 5, 2016 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Avista Healthcare Public Acquisition Corp. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Units, each consisting of one Class A Ordinary Share and one Warrant

Class A Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.0001 per share

Warrants, each exercisable for one-half of one Class A Ordinary Share  
at an exercise price of \$5.75 per one-half share

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*William Slattery*