

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES****OMB APPROVAL**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Avista Acquisition Corp.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AVISTA HEALTHCARE</u> <u>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</u> <u>CORP. 65 EAST 55TH STREET,</u> <u>18TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/07/2016</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Avista Healthcare Public Acquisition Corp. [AHPA]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director ☒ 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person ☒ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Class B Ordinary Shares	(1)	(1)	Class A Ordinary Shares	6,740,000 ⁽¹⁾	(1)	D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Avista Acquisition Corp.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AVISTA HEALTHCARE PUBLIC</u> <u>ACQUISITION</u> <u>CORP. 65 EAST 55TH STREET, 18TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)		
Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Director ☒ 10% Owner		

Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Avista Acquisition, LLC	
(Last)	(First) (Middle)
C/O AVISTA HEALTHCARE PUBLIC ACQUISITION CORP. 65 EAST 55TH STREET, 18TH FLOOR	
(Street)	(City) (State) (Zip)
NEW YORK NY 10022	
(City)	(State) (Zip)
Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
☐ Director ☐ Officer (give title below)	☒ 10% Owner ☐ Other (specify below)
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dean Thompson	
(Last)	(First) (Middle)
C/O AVISTA CAPITAL PARTNERS 65 EAST 55TH STREET, 18TH FLOOR	
(Street)	(City) (State) (Zip)
NEW YORK NY 10022	
(City)	(State) (Zip)
Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
☒ Director ☒ Officer (give title below)	☒ 10% Owner ☐ Other (specify below)
Executive Chairman	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burgstahler David F	
(Last)	(First) (Middle)
1160 PARK AVENUE, APT. 12D	
(Street)	(City) (State) (Zip)
NEW YORK NY 10128	
(City)	(State) (Zip)
Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
☒ Director	☒ 10% Owner

X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
	President and CEO	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Avista Acquisition Corp. ("Sponsor") directly owns 6,740,000 Class B ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Class B Shares"), of the Issuer, including 900,000 shares that are subject to forfeiture if the underwriters of the Issuer's initial public offering do not exercise in full an option granted to them to cover over-allotments. Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Issuer, such Class B Shares will automatically convert into Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Issuer at the time of the Issuer's initial business combination on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment, and have no expiration date.
2. The sole shareholder of Sponsor is Avista Acquisition, LLC ("Avista Acquisition"). Thompson Dean and David Burgstahler are the managers of Avista Acquisition (and, together with Sponsor, Messrs. Dean and Burgstahler are the "Reporting Persons").
3. Because of the relationship among the Reporting Persons, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own the securities reported herein to the extent of their respective pecuniary interests. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein, if any.
4. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Exchange Act, this filing shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or otherwise, the beneficial owners of any equity securities in excess of their respective pecuniary interests.

Remarks:

See Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney, incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit 24.2 - Power of Attorney, incorporated herein by reference. Exhibit 99.1 Joint Filer Information, incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ Benjamin Silbert,
Attorney-in-Fact for Avista 10/07/2016
Acquisition Corp.

/s/ Benjamin Silbert,
Attorney-in Fact for Avista 10/07/2016
Acquisition, LLC

/s/ Benjamin Silbert,
Attorney-in-Fact for 10/07/2016
Thompson Dean

/s/ Benjamin Silbert,
Attorney-in-Fact for David 10/07/2016
Burgstahler

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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