

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>Harwood Charles C Jr</u>	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>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AVISTA HEALTHCARE PUBLIC ACQUISITION CORP. 65 EAST 55TH STREET, 18TH FLOOR</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)
(Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)			

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			
<u>Class B Ordinary Shares</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Class A Ordinary Shares</u>	<u>471,250</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person holds an aggregate of 471,250 Class B ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Class B Shares"), including 56,250 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-allotment. Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association (the "Articles") 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 Business Combination, as defined in the Articles, on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment, and have no expiration date.

Remarks:

See Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney, incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ Benjamin Silbert,
Attorney-in-Fact

10/07/2016

** 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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