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Enclosed is an article entitled ‘Hydrogeochemical attributes and Groundwater quality of Ngbo Development Area, Ebonyi State, Nigeria’. Please accept it as a candidate for publication in AMBIAGUA.

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This research tends to evaluate groundwater quality and hydrogeochemical attributes of water samples from selected hand-dug boreholes within Ngbo town and its environs in Ebonyi State, Nigeria. The study falls within the scope of AMIAGUA and it is novel in the sense that little or no data exists on the hydrogeology of Ngbo area of Ebonyi State and it contributes significantly to the existing knowledge on the hydrogeology of Ebonyi State in particular and Nigeria in general. We strongly believe that the contribution made in this study warrants its publication in AMBIAGUA.

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