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Dear Dr. Kobayashi:

Recent issues of Chemical Abstracts (44:9498h and 10570i) have just brought to my attention your work on glycosidases in which a nitrophenyl-glycoside is used as a chromogenic substrate. This was of some interest to me as I had recently published a paper in the Journal of Bacteriology in which an identical method is described, in the study of the  $\beta$ -galactosidase from *Escherichia coli*. I regret that the Japanese work was completely unknown to me at the time this paper was submitted for publication, so that it was impossible to make a proper acknowledgment. I am pleased to send you reprints of my paper by surface mail.

The abstracts noted are not very detailed, and I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have better access to your findings. Would it be possible for you to send me reprints of your articles in this series? Unfortunately, I would be unable to interpret Japanese, and if your papers are in this language, would you have English summaries or translations available?

Yours sincerely,

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