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Mr. H. B. Stenzel  
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Dear Mr. Stenzel:

Dr. Imai also published a paper in 1950 on the interspecific hybridization of Crassostrea gigas and Crassostrea virginica in which he obtained the same results as we did here. Neither of us knew of the work of the other until after publication. The reference to his work is:

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Q 77 S4 Imai, T, M. Hatanaka, R. Sato, S. Saki and R. Yuki, 1950.  
Artificial breeding of oysters in tanks. Tohoku J. Agric.  
Res., Vol. 1, pp. 69-86. Sendai

Dr. Wada published a paper in 1953 on some interspecific crosses of pearl oysters. The reference is:

Wada, Seiji K., 1953. On a new pearl oyster from the Pacific coast of Japan, with special reference to cross-fertilization with another pearl oyster, Pinctada martensii (Dunker). Journ. Oceanogr. Soc. Japan, Vol. 8, No. 3-4.

There have also been several papers by Dr. Imai and his associates on crossing of several local races of Japanese oysters.

Sincerely yours,

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