

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August 1, 2003

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Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.
(Registrant)

Date August 1, 2003

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

Douglas A. Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Announces 2003 Second Quarter Results

CALGARY, Alberta, August 1, 2003 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced its financial results for the three and six-month periods ending June 30, 2003.

Second Quarter Highlights

Increased working capital by \$8.7 million through the completion of a private placement, the sale of a non-core asset and exercise of warrants.

Added 7th U.S. patent, covering co-administration of the virus with immune suppressing agents such as cyclosporine, and use of the virus in combination with conventional therapeutic agents and treatments such as surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

Added 8th U.S. patent, covering use of combinations of reovirus strains for the treatment of Ras-mediated tumours.

Received approval from Health Canada for amendments to the Phase I/II recurrent malignant glioblastoma clinical trial, allowing the trial to resume enrolling patients.

In the second quarter, the Company strengthened its working cash position, as well as adding two U.S. patents that we consider important, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics. We believe that the Company is now well positioned to continue its development of REOLYSIN®.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The Company continues to expand and protect its intellectual property. Oncolytics has received three U.S. patents during the first half of 2003. In the second quarter of 2003 the Company received its seventh and eighth U.S. patents covering the use of combinations of reovirus strains for the treatment of Ras-mediated tumours and co-administration of reovirus with immune suppressing agents such as Cyclosporin. Total patent costs incurred in 2003 were \$595,147 compared to \$346,186 in 2002.

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INVESTMENTS

Transition Therapeutics Inc. (TTH)

In the second quarter of 2003, the Company took advantage of an opportunity to monetize its investment in TTH. On June 6, 2003, Oncolytics sold all of its 6.89 million common shares in TTH for net cash proceeds of \$2.55 million. The sale of TTH has provided the Company with additional operating capital that will allow Oncolytics to continue its development of REOLYSIN®. As a result of the sale, an accounting loss of \$2.2 million was recorded (\$0.10 per share).

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

On June 19, 2003 the Company closed a private placement raising net proceeds of \$5.8 million. The Company issued 2,120,000 units for \$3.00 per unit. Each unit consisted of one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant. Each whole common share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase an additional common share for \$4.00 per share until December 19, 2004.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (For the three month period ended June 30, 2003)

Research and Development Expenses (R&D)

During the second quarter of 2003, the Company incurred R&D expenses of \$848,721 compared to \$753,200 in the second quarter of 2002. The increase in R&D expenses relates to costs associated with the production of REOLYSIN® as the Company continues activities in support of its commercial manufacturing process and prepares for a systemic clinical trial. As a result, the Company continues to incur costs associated with the production, quality and stability testing of REOLYSIN®. The Company also continues to study the toxicology of REOLYSIN® as it prepares to expand its clinical trial program. Pre-clinical toxicology studies were performed focusing on the systemic delivery of REOLYSIN® in the second quarter of 2003. Finally, the Company continues to advance its malignant glioma Phase I/II trial. On May 6, 2003 the malignant glioma trial was given approval to re-commence from Health Canada after protocol amendments were submitted following a planned interim safety assessment of the study in December of 2002.

Operating Expenses

During the second quarter of 2003, the Company incurred operating expenses of \$826,894 compared to \$601,495 in the second quarter of 2002. Operating expenses for the second quarter of 2003 increased due to additions to Oncolytics staff, increased professional fees and filing costs associated with public company filing requirements, an increase in liability insurance premiums and non-cash compensation associated with stock based compensation paid to third parties.

Loss on Sale of Investment in TTH

As a result of the sale of the Company's ownership in TTH a loss of \$2,156,685 was recorded. The loss represents the difference of the cash proceeds received on the sale of its TTH shares and the cost value ascribed to the investment when it was acquired through a share exchange in 2002.

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About Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

Oncolytics is a Calgary-based biotechnology company focused on the development of REOLYSIN®, its proprietary formulation of the human reovirus, as a potential cancer therapeutic. Oncolytics' researchers have demonstrated that the reovirus is able to selectively kill human cancer cells *in vitro* that are derived from many types of cancer, including breast, prostate, pancreatic and brain tumours, and have also demonstrated successful cancer treatment results in a number of animal models. Phase I clinical trial results have indicated that REOLYSIN® was well tolerated and that the reovirus demonstrated activity in tumours injected with REOLYSIN®.

This news release contains forward looking statements, within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward looking statements, including the Company's belief as to the value of the additional patents; the Company's expectations related to the applications of the patented technology, the ability of the technology to strengthen the core technology and the design, timing and success of planned clinical trial programs and other statements related to anticipated developments in the Company's business and technologies, all of which involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the efficacy of REOLYSIN® as a cancer treatment, the success and timely completion of clinical studies and trials, uncertainties related to the research and development of pharmaceuticals, uncertainties related to the regulatory process and general changes to the economic environment. Investors should consult the Company's quarterly and annual filings with the Canadian and U.S. securities commissions for additional information on risks and uncertainties relating to the forward looking statements. Investors are cautioned against placing undue reliance on forward looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update these forward looking statements.

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**ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC.
BALANCE SHEETS**

	Unaudited June 30, 2003 \$	Audited December 31, 2002 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	13,486,096	8,319,244
Accounts receivable	58,844	48,536
Prepaid expenses	150,413	77,158
	<u>13,695,353</u>	<u>8,444,938</u>
Capital assets	4,822,106	4,516,813
Investments	297,123	5,006,503
	<u>18,814,582</u>	<u>17,968,254</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	662,005	1,260,239
Alberta Heritage Foundation Loan	150,000	150,000
Shareholders equity:		
Share capital	36,707,418	30,305,858
Contributed surplus	2,815,324	2,702,718
Deficit	(21,520,165)	(16,450,561)
	<u>18,002,577</u>	<u>16,558,015</u>
	<u>18,814,582</u>	<u>17,968,254</u>

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Statements of Loss and Deficit
For the periods ended June 30, 2003
Unaudited

	6 months ended June 30 2003 \$	2002 \$	3 months ended June 30 2003 \$	2002 \$	Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998
Revenue					
Rights revenue					310,000
Interest income	84,526	111,617	41,356	54,437	1,857,204
	84,526	111,617	41,356	54,437	2,167,204
Expenses					
Research and development	1,328,356	1,574,718	848,721	753,200	14,905,237
Operating	1,348,919	1,140,973	826,894	601,495	6,155,992
Amortization	318,940	272,640	163,716	141,027	1,565,506
	2,996,215	2,988,331	1,839,331	1,495,722	22,626,735
Loss before the following:	2,911,689	2,876,714	1,797,975	1,441,285	20,459,531
Loss on sale of investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.	2,156,685		2,156,685		2,156,685
Loss before income taxes	5,068,374	2,876,714	3,954,660	1,441,285	22,616,216
Capital tax	1,230	6,514	630	6,218	18,949
Future income tax recovery		(323,809)		(161,904)	(1,115,000)
Net loss for the period	5,069,604	2,559,419	3,955,290	1,285,599	21,520,165
Deficit, beginning of the period	16,450,561	10,359,075	17,564,875	11,632,895	
Deficit, end of the period	21,520,165	12,918,494	21,520,165	12,918,494	21,520,165
Loss from operations per share	0.13	0.15	0.08	0.07	
Loss on sale of Transition Therapeutics Inc. per share	0.10		0.10		
Basic and diluted loss per common share	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.07	
Weighted average number of shares	22,396,218	19,360,577	2,569,011	19,527,902	

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Statements of Cash Flows
For the periods ended June 30, 2003
Unaudited

	6 months ended June 30 2003 \$	2002 \$	3 months ended June 30 2003 \$	2002 \$	Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net Loss for the period	(5,069,604)	(2,559,419)	(3,955,290)	(1,285,599)	(21,520,165)
Deduct non-cash items					
Loss on sale of investment	2,156,685		2,156,685		2,156,685
Amortization	318,940	272,640	163,716	141,028	1,565,506
Future income tax recovery		(323,809)		(161,904)	(1,115,000)
Non-cash compensation	112,606		112,135		145,324
Net change in non-cash working capital	(669,452)	(1,748,470)	(412,316)	(407,077)	395,918
	<u>(3,150,825)</u>	<u>(4,359,058)</u>	<u>(1,935,070)</u>	<u>(1,713,552)</u>	<u>(18,371,732)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Intellectual property expenditures	(595,147)	(346,186)	(135,487)	(197,056)	(2,214,104)
Equipment and other	(41,431)	(176,912)	(40,809)	(18,587)	(501,674)
Proceeds from sale of Transition Therapeutics Inc.	2,552,695		2,552,695		2,552,695
Investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.					(20,352)
Investment in BCY Lifesciences Inc.		(125,000)		(125,000)	(127,123)
	<u>1,916,117</u>	<u>(648,098)</u>	<u>2,376,399</u>	<u>(340,643)</u>	<u>(310,558)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Alberta Heritage Loan					150,000
Proceeds from exercise of warrants and options	339,975		339,975		3,100,078
Proceeds from private placement	6,061,585		5,817,414		12,735,105
Proceeds from public offering					16,183,203
	<u>6,401,560</u>		<u>6,157,389</u>		<u>32,168,386</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash during period	5,166,852	(5,007,156)	6,598,718	(2,054,195)	13,486,096
Cash, beginning of the period	8,319,244	14,970,756	6,887,378	12,017,795	
Cash, end of the period	<u>13,486,096</u>	<u>9,963,600</u>	<u>13,486,096</u>	<u>9,963,600</u>	<u>13,486,096</u>