

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

Form 6-K

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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 September 2004

Commission File Number 000-31062

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Suite 210, 1167 Kensington Crescent NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1X7**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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: September 28, 2004

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

Douglas A. Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Inc. s Research Collaborators Present Data on the Enhancement of the Cytotoxicity of Cancer Drugs by REOLYSIN®

CALGARY, AB, September 28, 2004 - Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (Oncolytics) (TSX:ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) announced today that a poster will be presented on September 30, 2004 at the 16th EORTC-NCI-AACR 2004 Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics in Geneva, Switzerland entitled The oncolytic reovirus, Reolysin, augments the anticancer effects of cytotoxic agents in vitro against the ras-mutated human colon cancer cell line HCT 116. The researchers were able to show that REOLYSIN® enhances the cytotoxicity of chemotherapeutic agents including 5-FU, gemcitabine, doxorubicin and cisplatin.

This research demonstrates that REOLYSIN® may enhance the cytotoxicity of several drugs that are widely used in cancer treatment, said Dr. Matt Coffey, Oncolytics Vice President of Product Development. We will use this positive data in designing future clinical trials.

The abstract is available at <http://ex2.excerptamedica.com/ciw-04ena/index.cfm>. The EORTC-NCI-AACR symposium is held on an annual basis and is jointly organized by the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), the US National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

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 cancer cells and, *in vitro*, kill human cancer cells 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 use of the human reovirus alone or in combination with certain chemotherapeutics as a potential cancer therapeutic, involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which 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® alone or in combination with certain chemotherapeutics 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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