

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 April 2006

Commission File Number 000-31062

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Suite 210, 1167 Kensington Crescent NW
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(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: April 4, 2006

By: /s/ Doug Ball

Doug Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Research Collaborators to Present Reovirus Data at AACR Conference

CALGARY, AB, April 4, 2006 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (Oncolytics) (TSX:ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) announced that a poster by Dr. E. Anders Kolb of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, entitled Reolysin[®], an unmodified Reovirus, has significant anti-tumor activity in childhood sarcomas will be presented today at the 97th American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The research abstract and poster are available on the Oncolytics website at www.oncolyticsbiotech.com.

The investigators tested reovirus against various pediatric sarcoma cell lines *in vitro* and *in vivo*. In all tumor lines evaluated, the reovirus exhibited significant antitumor activity. The investigators concluded that REOLYSIN[®] demonstrates excellent anti-tumor activity *in vitro* and *in vivo* in childhood sarcoma cell lines, and that these promising results suggest that a clinical trial of systemic reovirus in pediatric solid tumors is warranted.

About Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

Oncolytics is a Calgary-based biotechnology company focused on the development of oncolytic viruses as potential cancer therapeutics. Oncolytics' clinical program includes a variety of Phase I and Phase I/II human trials using REOLYSIN[®], its proprietary formulation of the human reovirus, alone and in combination with radiation. For further information about Oncolytics, please visit www.oncolyticsbiotech.com

This press 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 implication of the materials presented at this conference with respect to REOLYSIN[®], the Company's expectations related to the results of trials investigating delivery of REOLYSIN[®], and the Company's belief as to the potential of REOLYSIN[®] as a 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 availability of funds and resources to pursue research and development projects, the efficacy of REOLYSIN[®] as a cancer treatment, the success and timely completion of clinical studies and trials, the Company's ability to successfully commercialize REOLYSIN[®], uncertainties related to the research and development of pharmaceuticals and uncertainties related to the regulatory process. 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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