

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 2005

Commission File Number 000-31062

Oncolytics Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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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: August 10, 2005

By: /s/ Doug Ball

Doug Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Announces Issuance of First Canadian Patent
- Continues to Strengthen Intellectual Property -**

CALGARY, AB, August 10, 2005 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) has been granted Canadian Patent 2,374,388 entitled The use of ribozymes in the detection of adventitious agents. The claims provide a method of validating the purity of microbial preparations during manufacturing by detecting adventitious or contaminating viruses using a ribozyme-based assay that is specific for the microorganism being manufactured. The microorganisms can include, amongst others, the reovirus, and modified adeno, herpes, vaccinia, p53 expressing, and vesicular stomatitis viruses.

This first Canadian patent is an important addition to our portfolio of issued patents, including 13 U.S., 2 European and numerous others worldwide, said Dr. Matt Coffey, Chief Scientific Officer for Oncolytics. As we are advancing REOLYSIN® through clinical studies, we will continue to focus on developing and protecting the manufacturing process of REOLYSIN®.

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, bladder 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®. Oncolytics has developed a strategy to pursue the licensing of its Canadian patents for research, development and commercial activities and will be negotiating appropriate licenses with the individuals, institutions and companies involved in those activities in Canada.

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 among others, the Company's belief as to the safety and efficacy of the reovirus, the Company's expectations as to the potential applications of the patented technology and other statements relating to anticipated developments in the Company's business and technologies, 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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