

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 **March 2006**

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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Yes

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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 **March 3, 2006**

By: /s/ Doug Ball

Doug Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Reports Highlights and Financial Results for 2005

CALGARY, AB, March 3, 2006 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX:ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) (Oncolytics or the Company) today reported its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2005.

We are encouraged by the results we are observing and the progress we have made in both our preclinical and clinical programs, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics Biotech Inc. In 2005, we expanded our clinical program into the U.S., commenced our first co-therapy study in the U.K. and presented positive interim results from our first systemic administration study.

Selected Highlights:

Strengthened the financial base by raising net proceeds of \$18.8 million to help fund the planned Phase II program;

Reported interim results from a Phase I systemic administration trial in the U.K that demonstrated REOLYSIN® was well tolerated and can be delivered to and show activity in a variety of tumour types and locations in the body;

Expanded the clinical program with the approval and commencement of enrolment for a Phase I combination REOLYSIN®/radiation trial in the U.K. and a Phase I systemic delivery trial in the U.S.;

Received clearance to commence a Phase I/II recurrent malignant glioma (brain cancer) study in the U.S., while concluding enrolment in a Phase I recurrent malignant glioma clinical trial in Canada;

Presented promising preclinical research at two AACR conferences in the areas of immune interaction and co-therapy with existing chemotherapies and radiation;

Appointed Dr. Karl Mettinger to the position of Chief Medical Officer;

Expanded the company's intellectual property portfolio with the issue of its first four Canadian patents and a second European patent in 2005, and a 14th U.S. patent in early 2006; and,

Announced in January 2006 that the U.S. National Cancer Institute is seeking proposals to conduct a Phase II systemic administration trial for patients with melanoma, and a Phase I/II systemic and intraperitoneal trial for patients with ovarian cancer.

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BALANCE SHEETS**

As at December 31

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,511,357	12,408,516
Short-term investments	36,894,810	21,510,707
Accounts receivable	47,390	47,767
Prepaid expenses	540,368	250,365
	40,993,925	34,217,355
Capital assets	189,863	261,688
Intellectual property	5,110,538	4,997,598
Investments	$\frac{3}{4}$	12,000
	46,294,326	39,488,641
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,692,481	949,258
Alberta Heritage Foundation loan	150,000	150,000
Commitments and contingency		
Shareholders equity		
Share capital		
Authorized: unlimited		
Issued: 36,236,748 (2004 31,915,496)	84,341,212	66,643,325
Warrants	4,429,932	3,347,630
Contributed surplus	6,413,243	6,349,139
Deficit	(50,732,542)	(37,950,711)
	44,451,845	38,389,383
	46,294,326	39,488,641

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Oncolytics Biotech Inc.
STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND DEFICIT

For the periods ended December 31

	2005	2004	2003	Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998 to December 31, 2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
Rights revenue	¾	¾	¾	310,000
Interest income	783,456	699,757	313,305	3,569,196
	783,456	699,757	313,305	3,879,196
Expenses				
Research and development	9,308,977	7,107,998	2,818,962	32,835,505
Operating	3,084,897	2,803,669	2,449,478	13,090,691
Stock based compensation	64,104	2,668,570	996,707	3,762,099
Foreign exchange loss	253,608	358,068	2,881	613,578
Amortization intellectual property	786,459	686,717	594,353	3,162,791
Amortization capital assets	69,532	65,039	69,171	355,046
	13,567,577	13,690,061	6,931,552	53,819,710
Loss before the following:	12,784,121	12,990,304	6,618,247	49,940,514
Gain on sale of BCY LifeSciences Inc.	(765)	(34,185)	(264,453)	(299,403)
Loss on sale of Transition Therapeutics Inc.	¾	¾	2,156,685	2,156,685
Loss before taxes	12,783,356	12,956,119	8,510,479	51,797,796
Capital tax (recovery)	(1,525)	¾	33,552	49,746
Future income tax recovery	¾	¾	¾	(1,115,000)
Net loss for the year	12,781,831	12,956,119	8,544,031	50,732,542
Deficit, beginning of year	37,950,711	24,994,592	16,450,561	¾

Deficit, end of year	50,732,542	37,950,711	24,994,592	50,732,542
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.39)	(0.45)	(0.35)	

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the periods ended December 31

	2005	2004	2003	Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998 to December 31, 2005
	\$	\$	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net loss for the year	(12,781,831)	(12,956,119)	(8,544,031)	(50,732,542)
Deduct non-cash items				
Amortization intellectual property	786,459	686,717	594,353	3,162,791
Amortization capital assets	69,532	65,039	69,171	355,046
Stock based compensation	64,104	2,668,570	996,707	3,762,099
Loss on sale of Transition Therapeutics Inc.			2,156,685	2,156,685
Other non-cash items	224,508	379,895	(261,572)	(773,148)
Net changes in non-cash working capital	584,766	(69,065)	(489,051)	1,092,999
Cash used in operating activities	(11,052,462)	(9,224,963)	(5,477,738)	(40,976,070)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Intellectual property	(1,033,035)	(958,809)	(1,045,869)	(4,656,670)
Capital assets	(61,309)	(15,230)	(50,729)	(587,511)
Purchase of short-term investments	(22,195,253)	(6,777,179)	(18,111,608)	(47,084,040)
Redemption of short-term investments	6,656,746	3,114,000		9,770,746
Investment in BCY LifeSciences Inc.	7,965	133,609	450,151	464,602
Investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.			2,552,695	2,532,343
Cash used in investing activities	(16,624,886)	(4,503,609)	(16,205,360)	(39,560,530)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Alberta Heritage Foundation loan		$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	150,000
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants	3,384,787	8,121,296	700,882	14,967,068
Proceeds from private placements	15,395,402	6,223,763	9,844,700	38,137,385
Proceeds from public offerings		9,150,902	5,459,399	30,793,504
Cash provided by financing activities	18,780,189	23,495,961	16,004,981	84,047,957

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the period	(8,897,159)	9,767,389	(5,678,117)	3,511,357
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	12,408,516	2,641,127	8,319,244	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	3,511,357	12,408,516	2,641,127	3,511,357
Cash interest received	993,097	459,757	187,843	
Cash taxes paid (net)	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1,552	

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To view the Notes to the Company's Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis, please see the Company's 2005 Annual Filings which will be available on www.sedar.com.

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 Company's belief as to the potential of REOLYSIN® as a cancer therapeutic; the Company's expectations as to the success of its research and development programs in 2006 and beyond, the Company's planned expansion, the value of the additional patents and intellectual property; the Company's expectations related to the applications of the patented technology; the ability of the technology to strengthen the core technology; the Company's expectations as to adequacy of its existing capital resources; the design, timing, success of planned clinical trial programs and the Company's planned expansion of such programs; and other statements related to anticipated developments in the Company's business and technologies 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, 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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