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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 2007

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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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) | |
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| Date: September 12, 2007 | By: /s/ Doug Ball | |
| | Doug Ball Chief Financial Officer | |

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Reovirus Infection of Melanoma Cells Generates Anti-Tumour Immunity Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Collaborators to Present Research at National Cancer Research Institute Conference

CALGARY, AB September 12, 2007 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (Oncolytics) (TSX:ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) announced today that Dr. Robin Prestwich of CR-UK Clinical Centre, Leeds Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Leeds, U.K. is scheduled to deliver a poster presentation on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at the NCRI Cancer Conference entitled Reovirus Infection of Human Melanoma Cells Supports Priming of Anti-Tumour Cytotoxic T Cell Immunity. The conference runs from September 30 through October 3, 2007 in Birmingham, U.K. In this study, the investigators infected melanoma cell lines with reovirus. The reovirus-infected cell lines stimulated the maturation of dendritic cells, which in turn educated cancer-killing T cells to attack and kill the melanoma cells.

Despite widespread interest in the anti-tumour effects of oncolytic viruses, little attention has been focused upon their potential to generate anti-tumour immunity, said Professor Alan Melcher of St. James s University Hospital in Leeds, U.K. and a co-investigator of this preclinical study. This work has demonstrated for the first time the stimulatory effect of reovirus-infected melanoma cells on dendritic cells and their superiority over uninfected cells as an antigen source for bystander priming of anti-tumour immunity.

The research will be posted on the Oncolytics website at www.oncolyticsbiotech.com as soon as it is available. 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 II human trials using REOLYSIN®, its proprietary formulation of the human reovirus, alone and in combination with radiation or chemotherapy. 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 REOLYSINas 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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