

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 March 2008

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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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 18, 2008

By: /s/ Doug Ball

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Announces Issuance of 26th U.S. Patent

CALGARY, AB March 18, 2008 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced that it has been granted U.S. Patent 7,344,711 entitled Use of Adenoviruses Mutated in the VA Genes for Cancer Treatment. The claims describe methods of treating cancer using adenoviruses that are modified to selectively replicate in cancer cells that have an activated Ras pathway.

This patent expands our adenovirus portfolio both geographically and with respect to which adenovirus variants can be used, said Mary Ann Dillahunty, Vice President of Intellectual Property for Oncolytics.

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/II 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 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 importance of the issuance of this patent, 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 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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