

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

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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 May 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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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 May 17, 2006

By: /s/ Doug Ball

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oncolytics Biotech Inc. Appoints Dr. Ed Levy to the Board of Directors

CALGARY, AB May 17, 2006 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ: ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced the appointment of Ed Levy, PhD, to Oncolytics Board of Directors.

Through his senior management positions at QLT, Dr. Levy has had extensive experience in establishing, developing and building alliances with major pharmaceutical companies, as well as playing a significant role in building QLT into a major biotechnology company in Canada, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics. Upon retiring from QLT in late 2002, Dr. Levy became an adjunct professor at the W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics at the University of British Columbia. From 1988 to 2002, Dr. Levy was with Vancouver-based biotechnology company QLT Inc., most recently as Senior Vice President from 1998. In these roles, he was primarily responsible for negotiating and managing QLT's strategic alliances, led strategic planning and oversaw the company's intellectual property. Dr. Levy served on the board of BIOTEC Canada from 1999-2002, and he has served on the boards of several technology companies and not-for-profits. Dr. Levy holds a PhD in the History and Philosophy of Science from Indiana University and taught philosophy of science at UBC from 1967-1988.

Oncolytics is developing a very promising approach for cancer treatment, said Dr. Levy. I am pleased to be working with Oncolytics to further develop REOLYSIN®.

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

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