

ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC

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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 November 3, 2003

By: /s/ Douglas A. Ball

Douglas A. Ball
Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Oncolytics Biotech Announces 2003 Third Quarter Results**

CALGARY, Alberta, November 3, 2003 Oncolytics Biotech Inc. (TSX: ONC, NASDAQ:ONCY) (Oncolytics) today announced its financial results for the three and nine months ending September 30, 2003.

Third Quarter Highlights

The Company continued to increase its operating capital through a private placement that raised net proceeds of \$3.8 million;

Formed a Scientific Advisory Board of four independent advisors who will provide scientific and clinical guidance on the development of REOLYSIN® as well as other future therapeutic candidates;

Entered into a research collaboration with Dr. Ramon Alemany of the Institut Catala d Oncologia, Barcelona, Spain to develop modified adenoviruses that are selective for Ras mediated cancers; and,

Received a ninth U.S. patent covering the treatment of Ras mediated tumours using modified adenoviruses.

In the third quarter of 2003, the Company further strengthened its operating capital and continues to focus on the development of REOLYSIN®, said Dr. Brad Thompson, President and CEO of Oncolytics.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS** (For the three month period ended September 30, 2003)

The Company reports that its net loss and net loss per common share for the three months ended September 30, 2003 were \$1.8 million and \$0.07, respectively, compared to a net loss and net loss per common share of \$2.0 million and \$0.09 for the three months ended September 30, 2002.

Summary	2003	2002	Change
	\$	\$	\$
Research and development expenses before refund	985,454	1,621,500	(636,046)
Quebec scientific research and experimental development refund	(222,000)		(222,000)
Research and development expenses	763,454	1,621,500	(858,046)
Operating expenses	991,895	444,982	546,913
Other expenses net of interest income	67,469	93,401	(25,932)
	1,822,818	2,159,883	(337,065)
Income tax recovery	(288)	(170,000)	169,712
Net loss for the period	1,822,530	1,989,883	(167,353)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	0.07	0.09	(0.02)

Table of Contents**Research and Development Expenses (R&D)**

During the third quarter of 2003, the Company's R&D expenses decreased \$636,046 compared to the third quarter of 2002. The main reason for this decline was that the Company commenced and completed a large toxicology study in the third quarter of 2002 that did not occur in 2003. The Company continued to incur costs associated with the manufacturing of REOLYSIN®, its manufacturing process, and its clinical trials.

In addition, during the third quarter of 2003, the Company recorded a Quebec scientific research and experimental development (SR&ED) refund of \$222,000 for work performed in Quebec in 2001. The Company recorded this as a reduction to R&D expenses.

Operating Expenses

During the third quarter of 2003, the Company incurred an increase in operating expenses of \$546,913 compared to the third quarter of 2002. Operating expenses for the third quarter of 2003 increased due to additions to Oncolytics' staff, increased professional fees and filing costs associated with public company filing requirements, an increase in liability insurance premiums and non-cash compensation associated with stock based compensation paid to third parties.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (For the nine month period ended September 30, 2003)

The Company reports that its net loss and net loss per common share for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 was \$6.8 million and \$0.29, respectively, compared to \$4.5 million and \$0.23 for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

Summary	2003	2002	Change
	\$	\$	\$
Research and development expenses before refund	2,313,810	3,196,218	(882,408)
Quebec scientific research and experimental development refund	(222,000)		(222,000)
Research and development expenses	2,091,810	3,196,218	(1,104,408)
Operating expenses	2,297,170	1,585,955	711,215
Other expenses net of interest income	301,883	254,424	47,459
	4,690,863	5,036,597	(345,734)
Loss on sale of investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.	2,156,685		2,156,685
Income taxes expense (recovery)	942	(487,295)	488,237
Net loss for the period	6,848,490	4,549,302	2,299,188
Loss on sale of investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc. per share	0.09		0.09
Basic and diluted loss per common share	0.29	0.23	0.06

Research and Development Expenses (R&D)

During the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, the Company's R&D expenses declined \$1,104,408 compared to 2002. The reduction in R&D expenses compared to September 30, 2002 corresponds to a reduction in direct costs relating to patient enrolment for the Company's clinical trials which occurred in 2002, a large animal toxicology study that was performed and completed in the third quarter of 2002 and the recording of the 2001 Quebec SR&ED refund in 2003.

Operating Expenses

During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Company's operating expenses increased \$711,215 compared to 2002. The increase in operating expenses was due to additions to Oncolytics' staff in 2002 and 2003, the increased professional fees and filing costs associated with public company filing

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requirements, an increase in liability insurance premiums and non-cash compensation associated with stock based compensation.

Future Income Taxes

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, the Company accrued \$942 for its estimate of capital taxes compared to a net future tax recovery of \$487,295 for 2002. The future tax recovery in 2002 related to the reversal of the Company's future tax liability as its future tax assets relating to non-capital losses, scientific research and development pools and other tax pools exceeded the value of the future tax liability.

Loss on Sale of Investment in TTH

As a result of the sale of the Company's ownership in TTH a loss of \$2,156,685 was recorded or \$0.09 per share (the TTH loss per share is considered to be a non-GAAP measure and reflects the Company's loss on sale of investment in TTH divided by its weighted average number of shares for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003). The loss represents the difference of the cash proceeds received on the sale of its TTH shares and the cost value ascribed to the investment when it was acquired through a share exchange in 2002.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE QUARTER:

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The Company continues to expand and protect its intellectual property. In the third quarter of 2003, the Company received its ninth U.S. patent, covering the treatment of Ras mediated tumours using modified adenoviruses. Oncolytics expended an additional \$251,600 for professional fees associated with its patent portfolio in the third quarter of 2003 compared to \$209,045 in the third quarter of 2002. Total patent costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 were \$892,532 compared to \$542,762 for the nine months ended September 30, 2002.

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

On August 21, 2003 the Company closed a private placement raising net proceeds of \$3.8 million through the issue of 1,363,900 common shares and 681,943 common share purchase warrants. Each common share purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase an additional common share for \$4.00 per share until February 21, 2005. In addition to the private placement, existing common share purchase warrants (warrants) and stock options were exercised with 17,825 warrants and 30,000 stock options exercised for proceeds of \$0.12 million in the third quarter of 2003.

Subsequent to the end of the third quarter of 2003, the Company closed a bought deal financing whereby it issued 1,200,000 common shares, 600,000 common share purchase warrants, and 120,000 broker warrants for estimated net proceeds of \$5.4 million. Each common share purchase warrant entitles the holder to buy an additional common share of the Company for \$6.25 and each broker warrant entitles the broker to buy a common share of the Company for \$5.00. These warrants expire on April 14, 2005.

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 human cancer cells in vitro that are derived from many types of cancer, including breast, prostate, pancreatic 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 there were no toxicology-related issues with the administration of the reovirus, and that the reovirus demonstrated activity in tumours injected with REOLYSIN®.

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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 the Company's belief as to the value of the additional patents; the Company's expectations related to the applications of the patented technology, the ability of the technology to strengthen the core technology and the design, timing and success of planned clinical trial programs and other statements related to anticipated developments in the Company's business and technologies, all of which 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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**ONCOLYTICS BIOTECH INC.
BALANCE SHEETS**

	Unaudited September 30, 2003	Audited December 31, 2002
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	3,813,279	8,319,244
Short term investments	12,029,492	
Accounts receivable	251,237	48,536
Prepaid expenses	173,075	77,158
	<u>16,267,083</u>	<u>8,444,938</u>
Capital assets	4,967,284	4,516,813
Investments	297,123	5,006,503
	<u>21,531,490</u>	<u>17,968,254</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	861,027	1,260,239
Alberta Heritage Foundation Loan	150,000	150,000
Contingencies		
Shareholders equity:		
Share capital	39,614,801	30,191,572
Warrants	995,652	114,286
Contributed surplus	3,209,061	2,702,718
Deficit	(23,299,051)	(16,450,561)
	<u>20,520,463</u>	<u>16,558,015</u>
	<u>21,531,490</u>	<u>17,968,254</u>

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**For the periods ended September 30, 2003
Unaudited**

	9 months ended		3 months ended		Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998
	September 30		September 30		
	2003	2002	2003	2002	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue					
Rights revenue					310,000
Interest income	186,608	164,416	102,082	52,799	1,959,286
	186,608	164,416	102,082	52,799	2,269,286
Expenses					
Research and development	2,091,810	3,196,218	763,454	1,621,500	15,668,691
Operating	2,297,170	1,585,955	991,895	444,982	7,104,243
Amortization	488,491	418,840	169,551	146,200	1,735,057
	4,877,471	5,201,013	1,924,900	2,212,682	24,507,991
Loss before the following:	4,690,863	5,036,597	1,822,818	2,159,883	22,238,705
Loss on sale of investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.	2,156,685				2,156,685
Loss before income taxes	6,847,548	5,036,597	1,822,818	2,159,883	24,395,390
Capital tax	942	(1,582)	(288)	(8,096)	18,661
Future income tax recovery		(485,713)		(161,904)	(1,115,000)
Net loss for the period	6,848,490	4,549,302	1,822,530	1,989,883	23,299,051
Deficit, beginning of the period	16,450,561	10,359,075	21,476,521	12,918,494	
Deficit, end of the period	23,299,051	14,908,377	23,299,051	14,908,377	23,299,051
Basic and diluted loss per common share	0.29	0.23	0.07	0.09	
Weighted average number of shares	23,314,397	19,956,908	25,120,758	21,130,121	

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For the periods ended September 30, 2003
Unaudited

	9 months ended September 30		3 months ended September 30		Cumulative from inception on April 2, 1998
	2003	2002	2003	2002	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net loss for the period	(6,848,490)	(4,549,302)	(1,822,530)	(1,989,883)	(23,299,051)
Deduct non-cash items					
Loss on sale of investment	2,156,685				2,156,685
Amortization	488,491	418,840	169,551	146,200	1,735,057
Future income tax recovery		(485,713)		(161,904)	(1,115,000)
Non-cash compensation	506,343		391,596		539,061
Net change in non-cash working capital	(697,830)	(1,777,349)	(28,378)	(28,878)	367,540
	<u>(4,394,801)</u>	<u>(6,393,524)</u>	<u>(1,289,761)</u>	<u>(2,034,465)</u>	<u>(19,615,708)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Intellectual property expenditures	(892,532)	(542,762)	(251,600)	(209,045)	(2,511,489)
Equipment and other	(46,430)	(195,105)	(4,999)	(5,725)	(506,673)
Short term investments	(12,029,492)		(12,029,492)		(12,029,492)
Proceeds from sale of Transition Therapeutics Inc.	2,552,695				2,552,695
Investment in Transition Therapeutics Inc.					(20,352)
Investment in BCY Lifesciences Inc.		(127,123)		(2,123)	(127,123)
	<u>(10,415,759)</u>	<u>(864,990)</u>	<u>(12,286,091)</u>	<u>(216,893)</u>	<u>(12,642,434)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Alberta Heritage Loan					150,000
Proceeds from exercise of warrants and options	459,895	34,000	119,920	34,000	3,219,998
Net proceeds from private placements	9,844,700		3,783,115		16,518,220
Net proceeds from public offering					16,183,203
	<u>10,304,595</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>3,903,035</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>36,071,421</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash during period	(4,505,965)	(7,224,514)	(9,672,817)	(2,217,358)	3,813,279
Cash, beginning of the period	8,319,244	14,970,756	13,486,096	9,963,600	
Cash, end of the period	<u>3,813,279</u>	<u>7,746,242</u>	<u>3,813,279</u>	<u>7,746,242</u>	<u>3,813,279</u>