

# **Adial Pharmaceuticals CEO Weighs in on the Alcohol Pandemic and Drunk Driving Over the Holidays; FOX31 Denver's Shaul Turner Interviews Bill Stilley**

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**CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA / December 9, 2020 / Adial Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADIL; ADILW)**, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of treatments for addictions, today issued a public statement encouraging those battling alcohol and other substance use disorders to refrain from driving under the influence, especially during the holiday season.

William Stilley, CEO of Adial Pharmaceuticals, noted, "Understanding our DNA and how it drives addiction, may play an important role in addressing the global addiction crisis. The idea you can 'just say no' is not always the best approach to combatting addiction. Individuals with certain genetics are targeted for treatment with our lead drug candidate AD04, and we believe this therapy may help reduce cravings for alcohol and potentially other addictive substances such as opioids. We are working aggressively to move this targeted therapy through clinic testing and are now in active human trials in seven countries. In the meantime, I'd like to strongly encourage everyone to stay safe and do not drive if you have been drinking."

Adial was featured on FOX31 Denver, and a link to the segment is available [here](#). This interview follows several media appearances, where Adial and Mr. Stilley have been featured in a discussion on Alcohol Use Disorder and the increase in drinking during the isolation of COVID-19, particularly during this holiday season.

## **About Adial Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Adial Pharmaceuticals is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of treatments for addictions. The Company's lead investigational new drug product, AD04, is a genetically targeted therapeutic agent for the treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) and is currently being investigated in a Phase 3 clinical for the potential treatment of AUD in subjects with certain target genotypes, which are to be identified using the Company's proprietary companion diagnostic genetic test. A Phase 2b clinical trial of AD04 for the treatment of AUD showed promising results in reducing frequency of drinking, quantity of drinking and heavy drinking (all with statistical significance), and no overt safety concerns (there were no statistically significant serious adverse events reported). AD04 is also believed to have the potential to treat other addictive disorders such as opioid use disorder, gambling, and obesity. [www.adialpharma.com](http://www.adialpharma.com)

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