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Harry Crane, Stephen DeSalvo and Sergi Elizalde* (sergi.elizalde@dartmouth.edu),
Department of Mathematics, 6188 Kemeny Hall, Hanover, NH 03755. *The probability of avoiding consecutive patterns in the Mallows distribution.*

We use combinatorial and probabilistic techniques to study growth rates for the probability that a random permutation from the Mallows distribution avoids consecutive patterns. The Mallows distribution is a q -analogue of the uniform distribution weighting each permutation by $q^{\#\text{inversions}}$. We prove that the growth rate exists for all patterns and all positive real values of q , and we generalize Goulden and Jackson's cluster method to keep track of the number of inversions in permutations avoiding a given consecutive pattern. Using singularity analysis, we approximate the growth rates for length-3 patterns, monotone patterns, and some non-overlapping patterns. We also show that, under certain assumptions, the number of occurrences of a given pattern is well approximated by the normal distribution. (Received August 28, 2019)