



FIGURE 25.27. The *FOXP2* gene is the first gene identified that carries a mutation that causes a specific language deficit in humans. The silent and replacement nucleotide substitutions in this gene as mapped on a primate phylogeny are shown. (Red bars) Amino acid changes; (blue tick marks) nucleotide changes. Data suggest that the *FOXP2* gene has been the target of selection during recent human evolution after the separation of the human lineage from the common ancestor with the chimpanzee. Numbers show how many nonsynonymous/synonymous changes have occurred along each branch.

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